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A RESOLUTION recognizing the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a welcoming

- 2 state that celebrates the growing diversity of its residents and acknowledges that refugees,
- 3 immigrants, and all newcomers enhance the culture and the economy.
- 4 WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants come to Kentucky with the promise of
- 5 freedom, hope, and opportunity in a new country and become contributing members in
- 6 our communities; and
- WHEREAS, community and faith-based organizations in Louisville, Lexington,
- 8 Bowling Green, and Owensboro continue to welcome refugees and immigrants arriving in
- 9 Kentucky; and
- WHEREAS, these new Kentuckians are workers, students, business owners,
- parents, neighbors, and community leaders; and
- WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to a diverse population of refugees and immigrants,
- adding to the economic strength and cultural richness of our communities; and
- WHEREAS, no individuals should be discriminated against because of their
- 15 national origin; and
- WHEREAS, all persons, including those new to our state, should be afforded the
- opportunity to participate in the democratic process;
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE,
- 19 Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 20 Kentucky:
- → Section 1. The Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky does hereby proclaim
- February 16, 2017, as Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol in order to affirm the
- 23 beauty and richness of our diversity, and in so doing the members of the Senate
- 24 acknowledge that all are welcome, accepted, and appreciated.
- 25 → Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
- 26 Resolution to Senator Perry B. Clark.

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