

1 A RESOLUTION urging the United States Congress to support the Green New
2 Deal.

3 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) contends that
4 the window within which humankind can effectively curtail harmful emissions of
5 greenhouse gases and avoid disastrous climatic consequences is closing; and

6 WHEREAS, Kentucky's economic and social life is intricately tied to climate
7 change and impacts to agriculture and outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing will
8 affect Kentucky's rural culture and heritage in the same way air pollution has eroded
9 urban communities; and

10 WHEREAS, the disastrous consequences of drought, tornadoes, and floods will
11 increase siltation and erosion, ruin farmlands and wildlife habitats, and blight crops,
12 while unleashing new diseases and epidemics; and

13 WHEREAS, just as plants and animals suffer a toll from ecological impacts of
14 climate change, humankind likewise will contend with the destruction of property, the
15 degradation of water supplies, and the influx of new diseases that were once mitigated by
16 cooler temperatures and fewer destructive weather events; and

17 WHEREAS, a plethora of experts offer practical, workable methods and solutions
18 to curtail greenhouse gas emissions and empower the everyday person to make real,
19 lasting changes that will thwart climate change; and

20 WHEREAS, simply stated, these methods and solutions are the "Green New Deal"
21 and they include repairing infrastructure to withstand storm-related weather events,
22 supporting sustainable agriculture, restoring ecosystems and habitats, and investing in
23 technologies that reduce emissions from automobiles, power plants, and construction; and

24 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau lists Kentucky as the fifth poorest
25 state in the nation, and the Green New Deal can leverage financial support to aid
26 Kentuckians deemed "at-risk," which will close the wealth gap and improve the
27 conditions of Kentucky's poor; and

1 WHEREAS, Kentucky has been investing in renewables such as wind and solar,
2 and Kentucky is home to the only "net zero emission" education facility which uses
3 geothermal, solar, and various energy and water efficiency measures; and

4 WHEREAS, Kentucky has produced substantial quantities of biofuel for
5 automobiles and alternative fuel vehicles, which proves that green measures have efficacy
6 and can reduce emissions and improve the quality of life for everyday people;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
9 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

10 ➔Section 1. The Kentucky Congressional delegation is urged to support the
11 Green New Deal for the benefit of all Kentuckians and to improve the circumstances of
12 those who are living in "at-risk" communities.

13 ➔Section 2. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent by the clerk of the House of
14 Representatives to the members of Kentucky's Congressional delegation.