GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 87

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The following concurrent resolution was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION recognizing the General Assembly's Putting
2 Veterans to Work Initiative.
3 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has an unrivaled heritage of military
4 service and has never hesitated to send its sons and daughters across the globe in defense
5 of freedom and liberty; and
6 WHEREAS, the world's ever-evolving political landscape has continued to
7 challenge the United States military with increasingly dangerous missions and has
8 required enormous sacrifice from America's service men and women as well as their
9 families; and
10 WHEREAS, Kentucky has always been a state that champions the needs and well-
11 being of its veterans, and the General Assembly has led the way through the Putting
12 Veterans to Work Initiative; and
13 WHEREAS, the United States military is the most technologically advanced
14 fighting force the world has ever seen, and its service members are given the best training
15 in a variety of professional skills and occupations that are similar to professions licensed
16 in the Commonwealth; and
17 WHEREAS, during recent years the General Assembly, through its Putting
18 Veterans to Work Initiative, has passed legislation making it easier for veterans who
19 performed professional occupations in the military, such as firefighters, emergency
20 medical technicians, HVAC professionals, and commercial truck drivers, to become
21 licensed in those occupations in Kentucky by taking into account the experience gained
22 during their military service; and
23 WHEREAS, beginning with House Bill 375 of the 2013 Regular Session, which
24 was passed by the General Assembly as an amendment to another bill and signed into law
25 by the Governor, the Putting Veterans to Work Initiative directed professional
26 occupational licensing and certification boards and commissions to identify military
27 occupational specialties that are similar to professional occupations in Kentucky, and

1 evaluate military training and service to determine their applicability towards the
2 education, training, and experience requirements of professional occupations under their
3 respective purviews; and
4 WHEREAS, after lengthy deployments and years of military service, the challenge
5 of finding a job should not be a burden for veterans to bear. Yet many veterans find
6 difficulty re-entering the civilian workforce for various reasons, among them being
7 occupational licensure impediments for military service members; and
8 WHEREAS, the General Assembly will continue advancing the Putting Veterans to
9 Work Initiative to fill the skills gap in Kentucky with professionally trained veterans
10 needed by the Commonwealth's employers;
11 NOW, THEREFORE,
12 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
13 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***
14 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly honors all of the veterans of the
15 Commonwealth and expresses its persistent enthusiasm for the Putting Veterans to Work
16 Initiative.
17 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives and the Senate do hereby urge all
18 agencies in the Commonwealth that issue occupational licenses or certifications to join
19 the Putting Veterans to Work Initiative, and evaluate military occupations, training and
20 experience to determine if they may be applicable to the training and experience
21 requirements of professional occupations in Kentucky.
22 ➔Section 3. All professional occupational licensing and certification boards in
23 Kentucky are encouraged to report their progress with implementing the goals of the
24 Putting Veterans to Work Initiative to the General Assembly.

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date 4-3-15