GENERAL ASSEMBLY
COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 187

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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 urging and petitioning the United States
2 Customs and Border Protection Agency and the Department of Homeland Security to
3 require advance electronic data screening of all inbound shipments to the United States to
4 facilitate identification and interception of illegal synthetic drugs and chemicals.
5 WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Kentucky has experienced a significant
6 increase in the illegal use, sale, and trafficking of dangerous and potentially fatal synthetic
7 drugs, including synthetic cannabinoids, opioids, and cathinones; and
8 WHEREAS, there are more than 300 synthetic drugs imported into the United
9 States and more than 500 distributed globally, most of them produced in China, according
10 to the United States Department of State; and
11 WHEREAS, the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency has
12 implemented advance electronic manifesting and security screening as a key tool for
13 identifying and intercepting high-risk shipments that may include illegal or dangerous
14 goods such as synthetic drugs; and
15 WHEREAS, the United States Customs and Border Protection Agency is authorized
16 by the Trade Act of 2002 to require foreign postal services to provide advance electronic
17 manifests and security screening data; and
18 WHEREAS, a major avenue for the importation of synthetic drugs is shipping small
19 parcels through the international mail system via foreign postal services, and are the only
20 commercial import shipments that do not currently provide advance electronic manifests
21 and security screening data;
22 NOW, THEREFORE,
23 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
24 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:***
25 ➔Section 1. The United States Customs and Border Protection Agency and the
26 Department of Homeland Security are hereby urged and petitioned to expeditiously
27 promulgate federal regulations requiring advance electronic screening data on all package

1 shipments inbound into the United Sates, including shipments from foreign postal
2 services.

3 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to
4 transmit copies of this Resolution to the Honorable Jeh Johnson, Secretary of Homeland
5 Security, Washington, D.C. 20528; R. Gil Kerlikowske, Commissioner of United States
6 Customs and Border Protection, 1300 Pennsylvania Ave, NW; Senate Majority Leader
7 Mitch McConnell, 317 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20610; Senator
8 Rand Paul, 167 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington D.C. 20510; Representative
9 Andy Barr, 1432 Longworth House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515;
10 Representative Thomas Massie, 314 Cannon House Office Building, Washington, D.C.
11 20515; Representative Brett Guthrie, 2434 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington,
12 D.C. 20515; Representative Harold Rogers, 2406 Rayburn House Office Building,
13 Washington, D.C. 20515; Representative John Yarmuth, 403 Cannon House Office
14 Building, Washington, D.C. 20515; and Representative Edward Whitfield, 2184 Rayburn
15 House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515.

Speaker-House of Representatives

President of Senate

Attest: Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved Governor

Date 8 APRIL 2016