

1 A RESOLUTION to express support for the deregulation of the glider truck
2 industry.

3 WHEREAS, the creation of jobs is essential to supporting Kentucky's continued
4 economic viability and prosperity; and

5 WHEREAS, one such industry that has contributed mightily to Kentucky's economy
6 is the glider truck industry; and

7 WHEREAS, glider kits use refurbished older components, including transmissions
8 and pre-emission-rule engines with new frames, cabs, steer axles, wheels, and other
9 equipment at a cost savings of up to 25 percent of the price of a new trailer truck; and

10 WHEREAS, the demand for glider trucks, glider engines, and glider kits has
11 increased significantly since their introduction into the marketplace, with small
12 businesses and owner operators benefiting greatly from the cost savings; and

13 WHEREAS, one such business is Fitzgerald Trucking with operations in Albany
14 and Tompkinsville, Kentucky; and

15 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has affected glider
16 vehicles, glider engines, and glider kits by applying the agency's greenhouse gas Phase 2
17 emissions standard to the industry; and

18 WHEREAS, Fitzgerald and other manufacturers of glider kits throughout the
19 country have been forced to close facilities and terminate significant numbers of their
20 employees as a result of the Phase 2 emissions standard; and

21 WHEREAS, the EPA's rulemaking procedure and rapid regulatory changes have
22 created an uncertain business climate that challenges the continued production of glider
23 kits and creation of much-needed jobs; and

24 WHEREAS, governors throughout the United States have called on the EPA to
25 create a more stable business environment for producers of glider trucks;

26 NOW, THEREFORE,

27 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***

1 ***Kentucky:***

2 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate support the glider manufacturing industry
3 in this Commonwealth and recognize an appropriate balance between such manufacturing
4 and its impact on the environment as an important element necessary for the
5 Commonwealth's economic development and prosperity.

6 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate request the Environmental Protection
7 Agency to provide clarity to the glider truck industry through a transparent and timely
8 rulemaking process and to develop separate standards for glider trucks.

9 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to the administrator of the EPA and to each member of the Kentucky
11 Congressional delegation.