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1	A RESOLUTION honoring the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
2	WHEREAS, COVID-19 has killed more than 531,000 Americans and has caused an
3	untold amount of economic damage since its discovery in America in early 2020; and
4	WHEREAS, during this pandemic, all facets of American life and industry-from
5	restaurants to healthcare to the delivery and sustainability of education—have been
6	impacted in myriad ways; and
7	WHEREAS, this is true across this nation and it is also evident here in our
8	Commonwealth, as more than 5,000 Kentuckians have lost their lives and countless local
9	businesses have been damaged by this lethal disease and its economic repercussions; and
10	WHEREAS, since the dawn of this great Nation, tragedy, upheaval, and doubt have
11	been met with courage, vision, and enduring leadership; and
12	WHEREAS, on March 11, 2021, President Joe Biden signed into law the American
13	Rescue Plan Act of 2021 in an act of unparalleled leadership; and
14	WHEREAS, March 11, 2021, was a symbolic date that marked the first anniversary
15	of the World Health Organization's declaration that COVID-19 was a global pandemic;
16	and
17	WHEREAS, the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 is good public policy that will
18	have several long-reaching effects on society and this country's ongoing war against
19	COVID-19; and
20	WHEREAS, the Act is an essential piece of the American recovery effort because it
21	will vitally improve an economy still hindered with the challenges of COVID-19; and
22	WHEREAS, the Act will benefit the nation and Kentucky by giving 92 percent of
23	adults in the Commonwealth, or three million people, a direct stimulus payment; and
24	WHEREAS, Kentuckians will see an extra \$300 a week in unemployment benefits
25	extended across several months; and
26	WHEREAS, 86 percent of Kentucky's children, or roughly one point one million
27	children, will be positively impacted by the expanded child tax credit; and

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1	WHEREAS, Kentucky state government will get \$2.4 billion to spend on COVID-
2	19-related expenses by the end of 2024; and
3	WHEREAS, Kentucky's K-12 schools will receive more than \$2.1 billion, with

- 4 \$454 million going to higher education, \$766 million to childcare-related assistance, and
- 5 an estimated \$17.8 million going to Head Start; and
- WHEREAS, students across the Commonwealth will be able to return in-person to
- 7 schools that are safer and more versatile as we move into a post-COVID-19 world; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in Kentucky and across this nation, the American Rescue Plan Act of
- 9 2021 will be most felt by low-income and middle-class families; and
- WHEREAS, on this day, this body rightfully commemorates the signing of the
- 11 American Rescue Plan Act of 2021; and
- WHEREAS, in so doing, the members thank all those in our nation's Capital who
- have stayed resolute during this crisis and who have kept the plight of less-privileged
- 14 Americans in mind as they passed this historic legislation;
- NOW, THEREFORE,
- 16 Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of
- 17 Kentucky:
- → Section 1. The members of the Senate, both individually and collectively,
- 19 hereby honor the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- 20 → Section 2. The Senate grants all our leaders on the national, state, and local
- 21 levels best of luck as they begin to enact the many provisions of the American Rescue
- 22 Plan Act of 2021.
- → Section 3. The Senate recognizes the economic devastation caused by COVID-
- 24 19 and pays special commendation to Kentucky's business owners who will be positively
- impacted by the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.
- Section 4. The Senate acknowledges the economic importance of the American
- 27 Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and its vital place in overcoming the challenges presented by

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- 1 COVID-19.
- Section 5. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

3 Resolution to Senator Gerald A. Neal.

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