

A RESOLUTION honoring Jonathan Grate for his 21 years of service with the Legislative Research Commission, General Assembly, and the Judiciary Committee, and wishing him well with his next adventure in the Executive Branch wherein he will serve as the esteemed Deputy Secretary of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

WHEREAS, Jonathan Grate graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1992 and a Juris Doctorate in 1995, both from the University of Kentucky. He began his service to the Legislative Research Commission in 1994 as a student assistant, wherein after becoming enamored with this storied institution, he returned as Legislative Assistant with the Judiciary Committee the following year; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Grate was an analyst with Judiciary until becoming its Committee Staff Administrator in 2012, and, with the increased number of bill, amendment, and research requests, has supervised an increased number of Judiciary Committee staff; and

WHEREAS, under Jonathan Grate's tenure, the Judiciary Committee has traveled to jails, prisons, laboratories, and courthouses, and has viewed the judicial landscape from the land as well as air, directing members and staff by way of motor vehicle and various air transport; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Grate has been known by his co-chairs to be available 24 hours per day, every day, having answered emails during the wee hours of the morning, and gone above and beyond any reasonable call by traveling throughout this great Commonwealth to attend meetings with them; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Grate has tutored a new Senate co-chair and assisted the House co-chair in ways too numerous to elaborate, but suffice that he has offered proponents' and opponents' positions to countless initiatives and policy options; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Grate has dutifully served the Kentucky General Assembly, working in a critical role with the leadership and members in both chambers on legislation that has changed the face of the Commonwealth, protected our communities,

provided funding and saved lives. Jonathan Grate's stalwart advocacy toward the institution and the integrity of the legislative process has earned him the respect and trust of each member, regardless of party; and

WHEREAS, Judiciary Committee staff have grown fond of the Jonathan Grate bull's-eye target, decorating the target and proudly displaying it in reverence to the good sport of their Committee Staff Administrator; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan Grate is credited with establishing new lingo within the otherwise legalese language of the Judiciary Committee staff, wherein he would deploy unique metaphors and bestow nicknames on people and inanimate objects. For example, his staff would understand completely if he were to ask them to "take the hive to the Liberty Bell and prepare for military Humvees";

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The Senate applauds Jonathan Grate for a job well done in his service to the Legislative Research Commission and General Assembly, and wishes him the very best as he continues his professional career in the Executive Branch as Deputy Secretary with the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet.

➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Jonathan Grate.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Whitney Westerfield for delivery to Jonathan Grate.