

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the 20th anniversary of the nation's first successful
2 hand transplant at Jewish Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, on January 24, 1999, Matthew Scott underwent the world's most
4 successful hand transplant at Louisville's Jewish Hospital; and

5 WHEREAS, the success of Matthew Scott's surgery impacted the future of both
6 transplantation and reconstructive surgery around the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the Louisville Vascularized Composite Allograft (VCA) program is a
8 partnership of physicians, researchers, and healthcare providers from Jewish Hospital,
9 part of KentuckyOne Health; the Christine M. Kleinert Institute for Hand and
10 Microsurgery; the Kleinert Kutz Hand Care Center; and the University of Louisville; and

11 WHEREAS, the VCA program was started to prove that transfer of a hand and/or
12 arm could be a treatment alternative for patients who had lost a limb in the same way a
13 kidney or heart can be replaced in patients who need a new organ; and

14 WHEREAS, doctors have been able to show over the past 20 years that, with
15 utilization of the same drugs used for organ transplants, they can obtain longstanding
16 salvation of working organs such as the hand for patients like Matt Scott, who is able to
17 use his transplanted hand in his daily life; and

18 WHEREAS, as of 2019, there have been more than 200 hands transplanted on more
19 than 140 patients around the world; and

20 WHEREAS, Jewish Hospital has served at the forefront of the field of medicine and
21 the healthcare industry since opening its doors in 1905; and

22 WHEREAS, Jewish Hospital continues to demonstrate a laudable commitment to
23 the health and well-being of citizens across the Commonwealth and across this nation,
24 and their historic breakthroughs in the field of hand transplants, beginning on that January
25 day 20 years ago, have not only improved the life and livelihood of Matthew Scott, they
26 have also transformed our understanding of the future of medicine;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby recognize the
4 20th anniversary of the nation's first successful hand transplant at Jewish Hospital in
5 Louisville, Kentucky.

6 ➔Section 2. The body rightfully commends Jewish Hospital, the Christine M.
7 Kleinert Institute for Hand and Microsurgery, the Kleinert Kurtz Hand Care Center, and
8 the University of Louisville for their profound contributions to the field of medicine.

9 ➔Section 3. The body acknowledges Matthew Scott, the world's first successful
10 hand transplant recipient, and grants him best wishes as he continues a healthy,
11 productive life.

12 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
13 copy of this Resolution to Representative Jerry T. Miller for delivery.