

1           A RESOLUTION honoring Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon upon receiving the  
2 Clifford Leadingham Award from the Kentucky Optometric Association.

3           WHEREAS, each year, the Kentucky Optometric Association (KOA) recognizes  
4 exemplary member optometrists who have exhibited steadfast dedication to the KOA;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, the KOA bestows the Clifford Leadingham Award to an individual  
7 who has dedicated his or her professional career in service to the Association and its  
8 mission to protect the visual welfare of the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky;  
9 and

10          WHEREAS, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon is active both in her profession and her  
11 community. Dr. Aubuchon has continually advocated for access to care to optometric  
12 services and the expansion of scope of optometric services with the passage of Senate Bill  
13 110 in 2011, when she was president of the KOA; and

14          WHEREAS, Dr. Aubuchon has previously been recognized by the KOA as Young  
15 Optometrist of the Year in 1997 and Optometrist of the Year in 2013. She participates in  
16 the Kentucky Vision Project, a charitable eye care program of the KOA that provides no-  
17 cost care to those in need; and

18          WHEREAS, a native of Florence, Kentucky, Dr. Aubuchon attended Northern  
19 Kentucky University before she attended the University of Houston, where she obtained  
20 her Bachelor of Science and Optometry Doctorate degrees; and

21          WHEREAS, upon graduation in 1993, Dr. Aubuchon returned home to Florence,  
22 Kentucky, to practice with her father, Dr. Ferd J. Metzger at Metzger Eye Care. In 2012,  
23 Dr. Aubuchon expanded her business and opened a second location in Covington,  
24 Kentucky. In 2017, Metzger Eye Care celebrated its 60th year in business; and

25          WHEREAS, Dr. Aubuchon has been a tireless community advocate for many  
26 causes, including public health, kindergarten readiness, community service, and  
27 government involvement; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Aubuchon is the current vice mayor of Florence, and has served on  
2 city council for more than 20 years. She has served in many organizations in leadership  
3 roles, including as national president for the United States Jaycees; and

4           WHEREAS, the awards committee noted that Dr. Aubuchon works incessantly  
5 behind the scenes as a true advocate for the profession of optometry. The Association had  
6 previously awarded Dr. Aubuchon's father, Dr. Ferd Metzger, with the Clifford  
7 Leadingham Award many years ago. The father/daughter duo is one of the few, if only, in  
8 KOA history to receive the award;

9           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12           ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon upon  
13 receiving the Clifford Leadingham Award from the Kentucky Optometric Association.

14           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Dr. Julie  
15 Metzger Aubuchon.

16           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
17 Resolution to Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon, Metzger Eye Care, 6901 Dixie Highway,  
18 Florence, Kentucky 41042.