

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kosair Charities and commemorating its 100 years of  
2 service to Kentucky children.

3 WHEREAS, in 1923, members of the Kosair Shrine Center formed Kosair Charities  
4 Committee, Inc.; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1926, Kosair Crippled Children Hospital, a freestanding  
6 specialized-care hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, opened its doors to children regardless  
7 of condition or financial standing. The hospital was instrumental in treating and  
8 supporting children suffering from orthopedic conditions and other childhood diseases of  
9 the time; and

10 WHEREAS, today, Kosair Charities' mission is to enhance the health and well-  
11 being of children by delivering financial support for healthcare, research, education,  
12 social services, and child advocacy; and

13 WHEREAS, Kosair Charities administers the Kosair Kids Financial Assistance  
14 Program to pay the costs of medical bills, medical equipment, and other healthcare needs  
15 for children whose families cannot afford care; and

16 WHEREAS, Kosair Charities provides Kosair Kids with free, age-appropriate  
17 experiences to enjoy regardless of ability levels, sensory limitations, or financial  
18 restrictions; and

19 WHEREAS, Kosair Charities is a protector and advocate for all kids. In 2013,  
20 Kosair Charities founded the Face It Movement to end child abuse and neglect in  
21 Kentucky by promoting best practices in prevention and intervention. Since the Face It  
22 Movement began, over 100 partner organizations have lent their expertise to activating a  
23 three-pronged approach to improve the child welfare system; and

24 WHEREAS, Kosair Charities provides millions of dollars annually in critical grant  
25 funding to support organizations that provide services to children; and

26 WHEREAS, over the last 100 years, Kosair Charities has grown into the largest and  
27 most comprehensive children's charity in Kentucky, helping countless children in need to

1 overcome obstacles, find success, and fulfill their potential. Kosair Charities' reach  
2 extends to all 120 Kentucky counties and to more than 200,000 children annually; and

3 WHEREAS, as part of its centennial anniversary, Kosair Charities will transition its  
4 name to Kosair for Kids, thus stating plainly and emphatically its vision of serving as a  
5 catalyst to help children in need to live life to the fullest;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
8 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Kosair  
10 Charities and commemorate the contributions it has made for 100 years to Kentucky's  
11 children.

12 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in  
13 honor of Kosair Charities and its 100 years of service to Kentucky children.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
15 copy of this Resolution to Speaker David Osborne for delivery to Kosair Charities.