

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Tim Belcher for the extraordinary gift of life through
2 the donation of his kidney.

3 WHEREAS, in 1954 the first successful transplant of a human organ, which was a
4 kidney, into another human was accomplished; and

5 WHEREAS, the unwritten covenant among firefighters is the preservation of
6 property and life, and that covenant is honored every day when the claxon is answered,
7 boots and turnout gear are donned, fires and other dangers are mitigated, and persons,
8 pets, and livestock are rescued from harm; and

9 WHEREAS, in 2021, John Sexton, the son of Lexington Fire Department
10 Lieutenant Joseph Sexton, was diagnosed with a rare disease that damaged his kidneys
11 and subsequently caused him to need a kidney transplant; and

12 WHEREAS, aware of John's need, Tim Belcher, a fellow Lexington Fire
13 Department firefighter and close friend of the family, underwent testing to see if he could
14 donate his kidney to John; and

15 WHEREAS, after a positive match, an unexpected confluence of firefighting,
16 medical advances, duty, love, and friendship occurred: Tim Belcher successfully donated
17 his kidney to John in January of 2023; and

18 WHEREAS, it is fitting that selfless acts such as that of Tim Belcher are lauded
19 publicly and held forth as examples for all the citizens of the Commonwealth to emulate;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

23 ➔Section 1. The Senate honors Tim Belcher for his exceptional and selfless act of
24 compassion and love through the donation of his kidney to John Sexton.

25 ➔Section 2. The Senate furthermore holds forth this selfless act as a worthy
26 example of the finest conduct by a citizen of this Commonwealth and denotes this
27 esteemed act as worthy of emulation by the balance of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

1 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
2 Resolution to Senator Amanda Mays Bledsoe for presentation to Tim Belcher in
3 recognition of his selfless act of compassion and love.