

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Kevin Munsey upon receiving a heart transplant.

2 WHEREAS, 105,800 people and 1,029 Kentuckians are on the national transplant  
3 waiting list, and 17 patients die every day waiting for an organ transplant; and

4 WHEREAS, since 1988, only 1,124 heart transplants were performed in Kentucky;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Kevin Munsey had an esteemed career as a firefighter and fire  
7 inspector before his heart enlarged to a dangerous size, causing him to leave his position  
8 with the Murray Fire Department; and

9 WHEREAS, Kevin Munsey had an aortic valve replaced in 2006, but there was  
10 irreversible damage that occurred to his heart; and

11 WHEREAS, Kevin Munsey was diagnosed with congestive heart failure in 2008,  
12 which required him to receive a defibrillator; and

13 WHEREAS, Kevin Munsey had damage to his heart that could not be treated with  
14 medicine, and he was then placed on the transplant list in 2009, where he remained for  
15 seven years; and

16 WHEREAS, Kevin Munsey received his new heart on April 4, 2017, after a six-  
17 hour- long surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center; and

18 WHEREAS, Kevin Munsey continues to live a life of fulfillment as a husband to  
19 his wife, Amberly, and a father to his three children, Ava, Lila, and Asa;

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 hereby honors Kevin Munsey upon receiving a heart  
24 transplant.

25 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Kevin  
26 Munsey.

27 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this

- 1 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell for delivery.