

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving
2 memory of the victims of the United Parcel Service Airlines Flight 2976, and
3 commending those who responded to the incident.

4 WHEREAS, on November 4, 2025, at around 5:13 p.m., United Parcel Service
5 (UPS) Airlines Flight 2976, a cargo flight from Louisville Muhammad Ali International
6 Airport to Honolulu, Hawaii, suffered a separation of its left engine during its takeoff roll
7 and crashed into an industrial area seconds after liftoff from the runway; and

8 WHEREAS, the ensuing crash killed 15 people, including all three crew members
9 on board the aircraft, and resulted in injuries to 22 other individuals; and

10 WHEREAS, those killed in the disaster included the flight crew: Captain Dana
11 Diamond, 62; Captain Richard Wartenberg, 57; and First Officer Lee Truitt, 45; and
12 those who perished on the ground: Angela Anderson, 45; Carlos Fernandez, 52; Louisnes
13 Fedon, 47; Kimberly Asa, 3; Trinadette "Trina" Chavez, 37; Tony Crain, 65; John
14 Loucks, 52; John Spray, 45; Matthew Sweets, 37; Ella Petty Whorton, 31; Megan
15 Washburn, 35; and Alain Rodriguez Colina, 50; and

16 WHEREAS, when speaking of those lost, Louisville Metro Mayor Craig Greenberg
17 said, "Today, as we share the names of those who we lost, our city feels the full weight of
18 this unimaginable tragedy. Behind every one of these names is a circle of family, friends,
19 stories that will forever be unfinished."; and

20 WHEREAS, this incident was devastating to the entire community of Louisville,
21 where UPS is the largest employer in the city, and whose Worldport global air hub is the
22 third largest air cargo hub in the nation; and

23 WHEREAS, in the immediate aftermath of the crash, fire departments, law
24 enforcement agencies, emergency medical services departments, and other agencies
25 worked tirelessly in cooperation to secure the crash site, put out massive fires, search for
26 victims, and tend to those in need; and

27 WHEREAS, in addition to the Louisville Fire Department and the Louisville

1 Airport Authority Fire Department, fire departments from Shively, Anchorage-
2 Middletown, St. Matthews, Fern Creek, Jeffersontown, Okolona Fire, Fairdale, Pleasure
3 Ridge Park, Shepherdsville, Zoneton, Lexington/Fayette County, the Kentucky Air
4 National Guard, Mount Washington, Nichols, Lebanon Junction, Southeast Bullitt
5 County, Simpsonville, Bardstown, Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport,
6 Marathon Oil, and Utica, Indiana, supplied staff and equipment and endeavored to put out
7 the fires, search for survivors, and recover those killed; and

8 WHEREAS, similarly, the Louisville Metro Police Department and the Louisville
9 Airport Authority Police Department enlisted the aid of agencies such as the Jefferson
10 County Sheriff's Office, Audubon Park Police, Middletown Police, St. Matthews Police,
11 University of Louisville Police, Louisville Alcoholic Beverage Control, Kentucky State
12 Police, the Louisville Offices of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and Bureau of
13 Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Louisville Fire Arson Bureau, Jefferson
14 County Coroner's Office, and the National Transportation Safety Board; and

15 WHEREAS, medical services and care were provided by emergency medical
16 services crews from Louisville Metro, Anchorage-Middletown, St. Matthews, Fern
17 Creek, Jeffersontown, Okolona, Pleasure Ridge Park, Bullitt County, Ameripro, and
18 Heartland, as well as the University of Louisville Hospital emergency department; and

19 WHEREAS, the unique nature of this tragedy required more than just efforts from
20 traditional first responders, and further assistance and aid was provided by Louisville
21 Metro Government, the Kentucky Governor's Office, the Metropolitan Sewer District,
22 Louisville Metro Emergency Management, the American Synthetic Rubber/Michelin
23 Emergency Response Team, the Dow Chemical Fire Brigade, the National Weather
24 Service, the Transit Authority of River City, the Kentucky Division of Emergency
25 Management, the Kentucky and Louisville Departments of Public Health, the Federal
26 Aviation Administration Louisville Office, the Kentucky Urban Search and Rescue Task
27 Force, and the Louisville Water Company; and

1 WHEREAS, while a city and a Commonwealth remember and mourn for those lost
2 in this tragedy, we can remember that our response to this crash was an overwhelming
3 desire to help, and to do what was necessary without question to address all the problems
4 that come from a disaster of this magnitude;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives join with
9 Representative Lisa Wilner in remembering the victims of UPS Airlines Flight 2976,
10 praying for comfort for their families, as well as those injured in the crash, and
11 recognizing the efforts of the first responders and other agencies who responded to this
12 disaster.

13 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
14 loving memory and honor of the victims of UPS Airlines Flight 2976.

15 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit
16 copies of this Resolution to Representative Lisa Wilner for delivery to the victims'
17 families and the responding agencies.