

1       A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of the victims  
2       of the United Parcel Service Airlines Flight 2976, and commending those who responded  
3       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 Petroleum, and Utica, Indiana, supplied staff and equipment and endeavored to  
7      put out 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 Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***  
7 ***Kentucky:***

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

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

14        ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit copies of this  
15 Resolution to Senator Keturah Herron for delivery to the victims' families and the  
16 responding agencies.