

1 A RESOLUTION designating February 20, 2020, as Sarcoidosis Awareness Day.

2 WHEREAS, sarcoidosis is an inflammatory disease that most commonly affects the
3 lungs; and

4 WHEREAS, it is estimated that between 150,000 to 200,000 people in the United
5 States suffer with sarcoidosis, with 1,200,000 sufferers worldwide; and

6 WHEREAS, an estimated five to ten percent of all patients diagnosed with
7 sarcoidosis suffer from an advanced form of the disease; and

8 WHEREAS, despite advanced research, sarcoidosis remains extremely difficult to
9 diagnosis and treat, and there is no known cure; and

10 WHEREAS, treatment options for sarcoidosis are limited for many factors,
11 including a lack in physicians who specialize in treating the disease; and

12 WHEREAS, further, there is a great lack—across the nation and here in our own
13 Commonwealth—of emotional support resources relating to sarcoidosis; and

14 WHEREAS, it is vital that this body today acknowledge sarcoidosis and those
15 individuals who suffer from it; and

16 WHEREAS, in so doing, the members designate February 20, 2020, as Sarcoidosis
17 Awareness Day, and urge all Kentuckians to advocate for more education about
18 sarcoidosis and support for sufferers of this disease;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
21 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

22 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives hereby designates February 20, 2020,
23 as Sarcoidosis Awareness Day.

24 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
25 honor of those Kentuckians who suffer from sarcoidosis.

26 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
27 copy of this Resolution to Representative Nancy Tate.