

1 A RESOLUTION solemnly recognizing the 11th anniversary of the March 2, 2012,
2 tornadoes and offering sincerest condolences to the families of the 22 Kentuckians who
3 lost their lives as a result.

4 WHEREAS, severe weather began on the afternoon of March 2, 2012, and
5 continued to gather strength as severe storms and tornadoes drove across Kentucky,
6 beginning in the west and crossing through the central and eastern portions of the
7 Commonwealth, leaving in their wake loss of life, enormous destruction of property,
8 hundreds of injuries, and breaks in basic utility services; and

9 WHEREAS, eleven years ago today, tornadoes categorized as high as EF3 tore
10 through Eastern Kentucky, leaving a trail of damage. One tornado left a 48-mile path of
11 damage through Wolfe, Magoffin, Johnson, and Martin counties, while another tornado
12 that hit Menifee and Morgan counties had a damage track of 34 miles; and

13 WHEREAS, the tornado outbreak was deemed at the time to be the second
14 deadliest tornado outbreak since 1950. The storms also touched down in Alabama,
15 Indiana, and Ohio, resulting in a total of 41 storm-related fatalities, more than half of
16 which occurred in Kentucky; and

17 WHEREAS, countless individuals in the affected communities and across the
18 Commonwealth responded by serving at shelters that were set up to help those who lost
19 their homes, helping with debris removal, and gathering basic necessities for those
20 suddenly without; and

21 WHEREAS, firefighters, police officers, rescue squads, emergency response
22 officials, and medical personnel all responded to the needs of residents in these affected
23 areas; and

24 WHEREAS, inasmuch as today marks the 11th anniversary of this tragic and
25 unprecedented event, it offers a solemn opportunity for citizens across the
26 Commonwealth to remember those whose lives were lost and to offer solace to the
27 families who continue to mourn their untimely passing;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

2 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
3 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

4 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby solemnly
5 recognize the 11th anniversary of the March 2, 2012, tornadoes and offer their sincerest
6 condolences to the families of the 22 Kentuckians who lost their lives as a result.

7 ➔Section 2. The clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative David Hale for presentation.