

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring The Hearing & Speech Center.

2 WHEREAS, in 1960 Jimmy Frankel, an architect and engineer who had been deaf
3 since birth, and his wife Edie Frankel, who had a hearing loss, dedicated their lives to
4 active community participation for the hearing impaired by forming the Lexington Deaf
5 Oral School, later known as the Lexington Hearing & Speech Center; and

6 WHEREAS, due to the extensive outreach of its services statewide, the Lexington
7 Hearing & Speech Center has changed its name to The Hearing & Speech Center; and

8 WHEREAS, The Hearing & Speech Center makes immeasurable contributions to
9 the lives and education of Kentucky's children and adults with special needs, providing
10 services to more than 1,400 families from 70 counties across the Commonwealth; and

11 WHEREAS, this outstanding statewide institution provides early education, family
12 support and education, early intervention services for youth with hearing and speech
13 delays and disorders, training for school systems, and language-enriched programs, and
14 hearing healthcare services for all ages; and

15 WHEREAS, The Hearing & Speech Center programs and services include; an Early
16 Learning Center which utilizes inclusive classrooms for children ages six weeks to
17 kindergarten, both with and without special needs, (including hearing loss, autism, Down
18 Syndrome and other developmental disorders and delays); as well as a speech and
19 language therapy clinic which serves both their Early Learning Center students and
20 children through its outpatient clinic; and The Family Hearing Center, an audiology clinic
21 which provides quality hearing healthcare to individuals of all ages and economic
22 circumstances; all while using individualized programing and focusing on client/child-
23 centric care; and

24 WHEREAS, with the dedication and hard work of its staff and administration, The
25 Hearing & Speech Center has worked tirelessly to improve the health, education, and
26 overall quality of life enjoyed by those Kentucky children who are living with hearing,
27 speech, and other disabilities and has had a profound and positive impact on the lives of

1 countless citizens across the Commonwealth; and

2 WHEREAS, this worthwhile organization is offered sincere commendation and
3 gratitude for its invaluable service over the past 60 years and is extended best wishes for
4 every future success as it continues to contribute so richly to the common good;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The General Assembly deems The Hearing & Speech Center most
9 worthy of its honorable recognition.

10 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
11 copy of this Resolution to Senator Reginald L. Thomas, 702 Capital Ave, Annex Room
12 255, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601.