

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing September of 2018 as Sepsis Awareness Month.

2 WHEREAS, sepsis is the body's overwhelming and life-threatening response to  
3 infection that can lead to tissue damage, organ failure, and death; and

4 WHEREAS, according to the Sepsis Alliance, forty percent of patients diagnosed  
5 with severe sepsis do not survive; and

6 WHEREAS, until a cure for sepsis is found, early detection is the surest hope for  
7 survival and limiting disability for survivors; and

8 WHEREAS, it is rightful that this body honor those suffering from sepsis and its  
9 after effects by bringing awareness to the issue in hopes of finding a cure; and

10 WHEREAS, this body thanks Mr. Darrell Raikes, a survivor of sepsis, for his work  
11 to bring awareness and research for the illness; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Darrell Raikes is now a sepsis advocate by giving presentations  
13 throughout our Commonwealth and helping others cope with the lingering problems from  
14 this traumatic experience; and

15 WHEREAS, not only during the month of September, but throughout the entire  
16 year, it is important that we continue spreading awareness of this medical condition  
17 across our Commonwealth in hopes of preventing future suffering;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
20 *Kentucky:*

21 ➔Section 1. The Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes the  
22 month of September 2018 as Sepsis Awareness Month, and urges that the citizens of this  
23 Commonwealth be mindful of the devastating medical condition and its survivors.

24 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
25 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon.