

A RESOLUTION adjourning the House of Representatives in honor and loving memory of Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr.

WHEREAS, Kentucky's native son, Anthony Massey, Jr. was born on April 21, 1928, in Mayfield, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Anthony Massey, Jr. proudly served in the United States Army as a Private 1st Class and served with the C Company, 1st Battalion of the 24th Infantry Regiment, 25th Infantry Division. While fighting in North Korea, Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr.'s Company was attacked by Republic of Korea Army units on November 25, 1950, and he was taken prisoner on November 28, 1950. As a prisoner of war, Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr. bravely fought for survival for over four months until he, greatly weakened by malnutrition, expired among his companions in March of 1951; and

WHEREAS, for more than 60 years Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr. was listed as missing in action until his remains were identified by the Joint POW/MIA Accounting Command in 2014. He was finally returned home to his family in Mayfield, Kentucky and laid to rest on March 14, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr. was born to the late Ludie (Massey) Jackson, and the late Anthony Massey, Sr. His grandparents were the late Charlie and Mary Anna Jackson, and the late Chess and Mira Massey, and he is survived by his loving aunts Ms. Mary Louise (Jackson) Joiner and Mrs. Lennie Virginia (Jackson) Simmons, both of Mayfield, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr. was known as a playful, happy, and upbeat man with a strong work ethic. And although he left a void that cannot be filled, his family is now at peace with his return home, and they continue to keep his cherished memory deep in their hearts;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. The House of Representatives expresses its most profound appreciation for the life and courageous service of Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr. and celebrates with the family for his return home to Kentucky.

➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of the brave service and sacrifice Private 1st Class Anthony Massey, Jr. made while proudly serving in the United States Army.

➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to the office of Representative Richard Heath for delivery.