

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing March 29, 2017, as Mary Hottell Day in the
2 Commonwealth.

3 WHEREAS, during Women's History Month in March it is meet and proper that we
4 recognize the sacrifice and contributions of Kentucky's women veterans, especially our
5 few remaining women veterans of World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, Mary Hottell joined the California National Guard in 1942 after her
7 new husband joined the Army; and

8 WHEREAS, Mary Hottell was one of just two women in that National Guard unit,
9 both of whom were left behind when the men in the unit deployed overseas; and

10 WHEREAS, Mary Hottell then found another way to serve her country by joining
11 the army of "Rosies," wielding a riveting machine in a factory making war planes; and

12 WHEREAS, Mary Hottell then served as a technician keeping flight simulator
13 machines working for training pilots; and

14 WHEREAS, Mary Hottell suffered more than three years away from her husband,
15 enduring the terrifying telegram with the news that her husband was missing in action,
16 and another that he was being held as a POW in Germany; and

17 WHEREAS, Mary Hottell was able to welcome her husband home, and raise four
18 children here in Kentucky;

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 recognizes and honors Mary
23 Hottell for her courage, patriotism, and service in the National Guard, in wartime
24 industry, and in military training technology during World War II; and encourages all
25 citizens to remember and commemorate Kentucky's women veterans.

26 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives hereby proclaims March 29, 2017, as
27 Mary Hottell Day in the Commonwealth.