

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Albert Patrick.

2 WHEREAS, Albert Patrick, a native of Magoffin County, is a proud veteran of the
3 United States Army; and

4 WHEREAS, on December 7, 1941, Albert Patrick was 22 years old and stationed at
5 Wheeler Field in Honolulu, Hawaii; and

6 WHEREAS, rising for breakfast on that quiet Sunday morning, Albert Patrick went
7 to the door of Schofield Barracks. Upon opening the door, he witnessed a plane making a
8 dive toward the 150 fighter planes that set on the nearby airfield; and

9 WHEREAS, Albert Patrick proceeded to the rooftops, where he and a small group
10 of other privates returned fire on the Japanese fighter planes; and

11 WHEREAS, 37 soldiers died that day at Wheeler Field. Another 53 were wounded;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Albert Patrick would continue to serve his country with the utmost
14 bravery and valor. He fought at Guadalcanal, the Solomon Islands, and was wounded in
15 combat on New Georgia Island in the Pacific; and

16 WHEREAS, for his service to his beloved nation, Albert Patrick received three
17 Bronze Stars and a Purple Heart; and

18 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honor those Kentuckians who served
19 the United States of America as members of the Armed Forces, particularly those who
20 were a part of the Greatest Generation; and

21 WHEREAS, in this spirit, the members duly commend Albert Patrick, who will turn
22 100 years old in November 2018, for his meritorious service in the United States Army,
23 and further thank him for his profound and courageous actions on December 7, 1941, on
24 that infamous day at Pearl Harbor;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
27 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby honor Albert
2 Patrick for his service to this nation as a member of the United States Army, and
3 acknowledge the brave actions he took on December 7, 1941, during the Japanese
4 invasion of Pearl Harbor.

5 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
6 honor of and eternal gratitude to Albert Patrick.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
8 copy of this Resolution to Representative John Blanton.