

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Fred Clem.

2 WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this body honors those Kentuckians whose
3 courageous service to their country has inspired future generations; and

4 WHEREAS, Fred Clem, patriot; proud Kentuckian; and cherished husband, father,
5 grandfather, and great-grandfather, is one such American, and his achievements are duly
6 recognized on this day; and

7 WHEREAS, Fred Clem was born in Rosspoint, Kentucky, on April 18, 1923. He
8 enlisted in the United States Army on April 11, 1944, and served in France, Belgium, and
9 Germany until his honorable discharge on June 1, 1946; and

10 WHEREAS, Fred Clem was assigned as a light truck operator, but near the end of
11 his tour was assigned to locate and identify American war casualties and return their
12 remains; and

13 WHEREAS, for his meritorious service during World War II, Fred Clem was the
14 recipient of the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, the Good Conduct
15 Medal, the Victory Medal World War II, and the Occupation Medal (Germany); and

16 WHEREAS, upon his return to the United States, Fred Clem worked for more than
17 50 years at Chappell's Dairy. He is a proud member of Corinth Baptist Church in London;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Fred Clem and his late wife, Geneva Brown Clem, have three
20 children: Fred Clem Jr., Betty Clem Minor, and Phillip Clem. He is the grandfather of
21 Kentucky State Policeman Major Kevin Minor, and the great-grandfather of John Cullen
22 Minor and Mason Minor. Shortly after Fred Clem shipped out with the 42nd Infantry in
23 1944, his three-month-old son, Bobby, passed away. A second child, Rita, would
24 succumb at birth; and

25 WHEREAS, it is rightful that the men and women of the Greatest Generation be
26 honored for their many sacrifices, and on this day this body recognizes one of Kentucky's
27 treasured sons, Fred Clem, for his accomplishments during World War II; for his many

1 contributions to his family and his community; and for being a hero of the first order;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
4 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives, both individually and
6 collectively, hereby honor Fred Clem for his service to his country as a member of the
7 United States Army during World War II, and grant him best wishes as he continues to
8 serve as a shining example of courage and class.

9 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
10 honor of and gratitude to Fred Clem.

11 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
12 copy of this Resolution to Representative Robert Goforth for delivery.