

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Colonel
2 Robert Ernest Spiller.

3 WHEREAS, Robert Ernest Spiller, retired Colonel in the United States Army, was
4 born in Philadelphia on Christmas Day, 1928, the cherished son of the late Ernest Clifford
5 and Helen Lydia Whitaker Spiller; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Spiller graduated from Western Kentucky University and
7 went on to enjoy a 30-year career in the United States Army. He bravely served his
8 country in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and was stationed in many locales over the
9 years, both in the United States and abroad. He finished his military career as Chief of
10 Staff of the Berlin Brigade, where he was awarded with the Distinguished Service Medal;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Colonel Spiller served as Director of the Western Kentucky University
13 Agricultural Exposition Center; and

14 WHEREAS, a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Bowling Green, Colonel
15 Spiller served as the organist at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Glasgow for 20 years;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Colonel Spiller was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, the
18 Military Officers Association of America, and the Rotary Club, and was the Kentucky
19 State President of the Retired Officers Association. A proud supporter of the Salvation
20 Army, he was a docent at Hobson Grove for more than two decades; and

21 WHEREAS, for his charity work and tireless service to his community, Colonel
22 Spiller was the recipient of many humanitarian awards, including the Jefferson Award
23 and the South Central Kentuckian of the Year Award; and

24 WHEREAS, Colonel Robert Ernest Spiller, patriot, selfless supporter of veterans
25 and their families, and beloved husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life
26 and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on January 13, 2018, leaving his family, friends,
27 and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Robert Ernest Spiller is survived by his wife, Cora Jane
2 Morningstar Spiller; children, Jane, Bob and his wife, Pam, Nancy and her husband,
3 Jerry, and Helen and her husband, Paul; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and
4 a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence
5 in their lives;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

7 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
8 *Kentucky:*

9 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most profound
10 sympathy upon the passing of Colonel Robert Ernest Spiller, and posthumously thank
11 him for his service to this great nation.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
13 memory of Colonel Robert Ernest Spiller.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Mike Wilson for delivery to the family.