

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Sergeant
2 William M. Bays.

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant William M. Bays was born in Barstow, California on October
4 17, 1987, the only son of Timothy and April Bays; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant William M. Bays was a resident of Allensville, Kentucky, a
6 loving husband and father of three, and a member of Life Point Church who enjoyed
7 camping, traveling, and working on cars, especially his Jeep; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant William M. Bays was a true American patriot who loved his
9 country with great passion and proudly served at the Army's 101st Airborne Division at
10 Fort Campbell; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant William M. Bays was assigned to Headquarters Battery, 3rd
12 Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) and
13 Company D, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st
14 Airborne Division; and

15 WHEREAS, on June 10, 2017, Sergeant William M. Bays and two of his fellow
16 soldiers from the Army 101st Airborne Division, Sergeant Eric Houck and Corporal
17 Dillon Baldrige, were killed by fire from a Taliban member who infiltrated an Afghan
18 army; and

19 WHEREAS, the three fallen soldiers were remembered by Major General Andrew
20 Poppas, Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, stating
21 "Today, as we grieve, our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Corporal
22 Baldrige, Sergeant Houck and Sergeant Bays. We take this as a family loss"; and

23 WHEREAS, Sergeant William M. Bays' awards and decorations included the Army
24 Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation,
25 Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign
26 Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army NCO Professional
27 Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO

1 Medal, the Air Assault Badge, and the Driver and Mechanic Badge; and

2 WHEREAS, Sergeant William M. Bays was posthumously awarded the Bronze
3 Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and Army Commendation Medal with one
4 oak leaf for his actions during deployment; and

5 WHEREAS, Sergeant William M. Bays is survived by his parents; his wife, Jasmin
6 Bays; daughters, Laura, Mia, and Julia; sisters, Brenda Griner, and Lindsay Bays; paternal
7 grandmother, Doris Bays; maternal grandparents, Marshall and Lorraine Briggs; and
8 father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Regina Draeger; and

9 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this brave soldier receive recognition for
10 paying the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

12 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
13 *Kentucky:*

14 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express their most profound condolences
15 upon the passing of Sergeant William M. Bays to his family, friends, and community in
16 this time of loss.

17 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day it does so in honor and loving
18 memory of Sergeant William M. Bays.

19 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
20 Resolution to the office of Senator Whitney Westerfield for delivery.