

1           A RESOLUTION honoring John Holiday for his exemplary service to the  
2 Commonwealth and the nation.

3           WHEREAS, John Holiday, in 2016, was appointed by the Governor as the  
4 Executive Director of the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security. In this position, he  
5 serves as the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Homeland Security Advisor for the United  
6 States Department of Homeland Security; and

7           WHEREAS, as director, John Holiday is responsible for leading and developing a  
8 comprehensive statewide homeland security strategy, which coordinates local, state, and  
9 federal efforts to detect, deter, mitigate, and respond to any terrorist attacks, including  
10 nuclear, biological, chemical, electromagnetic pulse, ago-, eco-, or cyber-terrorism, or any  
11 other incidents that affect the security of Kentucky; and

12           WHEREAS, John Holiday formerly served as the Director of Law Enforcement  
13 within the Kentucky Department of Public Protection, and also served the  
14 Commonwealth as a Certified Inspector General within Kentucky's Labor, Environmental  
15 Energy, and Public Protection cabinets; and

16           WHEREAS, John Holiday was an Intelligence Officer and a soldier for nearly three  
17 decades, serving in all combatant theaters within his service to the United States  
18 Department of Defense; and

19           WHEREAS, John Holiday specialized in intelligence and counterintelligence  
20 operations as a Counterintelligence Special Agent and Interrogator; and

21           WHEREAS, in the last 20 years of his service, John Holiday served within United  
22 States Special Operations focusing on irregular, unconventional, and asymmetric warfare.  
23 His last overseas assignment was in East Africa supporting the global war on terror as a  
24 Special Operations Forces (SOF) advisor and liaison officer; and

25           WHEREAS, in that overseas assignment, he was responsible for building Special  
26 Forces capacity, increasing capabilities, and providing security assistance in order to  
27 increase diplomacy and partnerships to several African nations. As the sole American

1 Army Special Operations Forces Advisor on the ground, John Holiday managed and  
2 coordinated all SOF operations, and was the first line link between the host nation's  
3 Ministry of Defense and American military or diplomatic entities; and

4 WHEREAS, John Holiday continues to serve in the United States Army Reserve  
5 Component as the Executive Officer for the 20th Special Forces Group (Airborne)  
6 Military Intelligence Detachment Louisville, Kentucky, within one of only two special  
7 operations groups in the National Guard;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*  
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate do hereby honor John Holiday for his  
12 career and for his exemplary service to this nation and to the Commonwealth of  
13 Kentucky.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of and  
15 gratitude to John Holiday.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
17 Resolution to Senator Albert Robinson for delivery.