

1 A RESOLUTION honoring John William "PawPaw" Spencer.

2 WHEREAS, John William "PawPaw" Spencer reported to the Draft Board in
3 Louisville, Kentucky, on April 19, 1944; and

4 WHEREAS, after being shipped to the Pacific Theater, John Spencer saw combat
5 action primarily in the Battle of Luzon, which was a pivotal victory for the Allied Forces
6 in the liberation of the Philippine Islands; and

7 WHEREAS, after his service in the Battle of Luzon, John Spencer began preparing
8 for "Operation Downfall," the planned land assault of the Japanese Islands; and

9 WHEREAS, during that training, the troops were given word that atomic bombs
10 had been dropped on Japan and the war was over; and

11 WHEREAS, John Spencer's unit, the 8th Army, 33rd Division, became an
12 occupying force in Japan, and PawPaw began working in the headquarters in Yokohama;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, John Spencer was honorably discharged on November 25, 1946, and
15 returned to Louisville where he raised four children with his late wife, Mary Rose; and

16 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the highest respect for John
17 William "PawPaw" Spencer, and is deeply grateful for his courageous service and for
18 being part of the Greatest Generation;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
21 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

22 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives hereby commend John
23 William "PawPaw" Spencer, and acknowledge his valiant service as a member of the
24 United States Army during World War II.

25 ➔Section 2. When the House of Representatives adjourns this day, it does so in
26 honor of John William "PawPaw" Spencer.

27 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a

- 1 copy of this Resolution to Chris J. Gadansky, 9300 Shelbyville Road, Suite 110,
- 2 Louisville, Kentucky 40222.