

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Alan Courtney "Chief" Guild Sr.

2 WHEREAS, Alan Courtney "Chief" Guild Sr. enlisted in the United States Army as
3 an aviation cadet on May 12, 1942; and

4 WHEREAS, after completing flight school, Chief Guild was commissioned as a
5 2nd Lieutenant piloting the B-24 Liberator; and

6 WHEREAS, the youngest member of his B-24 crew, Chief Guild was assigned to
7 the 13th Bomber Command, 307th Bomb Group, 424th Bomb Squad stationed in the
8 Admiralty Islands; and

9 WHEREAS, Chief Guild courageously served in the Pacific Theater, flying his first
10 mission on June 10, 1944, in the Turk Islands. During that mission the plane went into a
11 spin and Chief took over the plane, wresting it out of a spin and saving the crew; and

12 WHEREAS, Chief Guild would go on to pilot the B-24 in nearly 50 bombing
13 missions over Japanese-occupied territory in the South Pacific; and

14 WHEREAS, Chief Guild was honorably discharged on July 8, 1945, and would
15 move to Louisville in 1967, where he raised two sons with his late wife, Caroline; and

16 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the highest respect for Alan
17 Courtney "Chief" Guild Sr., and is deeply grateful for his courageous service and for
18 being a 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 Alan
23 Courtney "Chief" Guild Sr., 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 Alan Courtney "Chief" Guild Sr.

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.