

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Sergeant Robert I. "Gus" Koch for his exemplary
2 service to the United States and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 WHEREAS, Gus Koch volunteered for the Marine Corps in January of 1966 and
4 immediately went to boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego; and

5 WHEREAS, upon graduation from boot camp he was sent to Camp Pendleton in
6 California for guerilla warfare training and then to the Republic of Vietnam in July of
7 1966; and

8 WHEREAS, Sergeant Koch was stationed in Da Nang and was attached to the 5th
9 Communication Battalion as a teletype operator, but spent the majority of his time as a
10 driver and courier between Communication Center on the South China Sea and Monkey
11 and Marble Mountains; and

12 WHEREAS, Sergeant Koch served 12 months in the Republic of Vietnam;
13 spending the remainder of his service at Camp Lejeune training Marines for deployment
14 in Vietnam; and

15 WHEREAS, Sergeant Koch achieved the rank of Sergeant in 18 months, which was
16 and still is an incredible feat and evidence of his professionalism and dedication to his
17 country; and

18 WHEREAS, after receiving an honorable discharge upon completion of his military
19 service, Gus Koch returned to the civilian world where he entered the horse business and
20 married his wife Theresa. They have 10 children and 32 grandchildren, including
21 Matthew R. Koch, who followed his father into the United States Marine Corps, served as
22 an intelligence officer in Kosovo, and eventually earned the rank of Captain, finishing his
23 career as the assistant intel Officer for the 6th Marine Air Ground Task Force in
24 Afghanistan;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
27 ***Kentucky:***

1 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor Sergeant Robert I. "Gus"
2 Koch for his exemplary service to the United States and to the Commonwealth of
3 Kentucky.

4 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Sergeant
5 Robert I. "Gus" Koch.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to Representative Matthew Koch.