A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson.

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson was born in Allenwood, Ohio, on August 25, 1925, to the late Burlin and Mattie Florence Davis Wilson; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson was raised in Eubank in Pulaski County, and was a student at Eubank High School when he was drafted into the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson went on to proudly serve in World War II as a tank driver in the 4th Division. He courageously fought in the Battle of Hurston Forest and the Battle of the Bulge, and was one of the first Americans to liberate Paris, France, and Dachau Concentration Camp; and

WHEREAS, after he was honorably discharged, Charlie Wilson attended Sue Bennett College before graduating from Eastern College with a degree in industrial arts and biology; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson was a longtime teacher at Carlisle City School and Bourbon County High School, and served as principal at Nicholas County High School and Nicholas County Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson was a pillar of his community. A Boy Scout leader and member of the First Baptist Church of Carlisle, he was a Mason for sixty-five years, served on the Carlisle City Counsel for two terms, and was a member of the Utopia Club and the Park and Recreation Committee. He was also instrumental in founding the Head Start Program in Nicholas County, and served on the Selective Service Committee in Nicholas County for several years; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson, American patriot; esteemed Kentucky educator; and cherished husband, father, grandfather, and brother, departed this earthly life and entered into the kingdom of Heaven on March 14, 2020, leaving his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

WHEREAS, Charlie Wilson was the husband of Margie Ellen Hamm; the father of
Sally Sharlene, Sandra Kay, and Samuel Edward; the grandfather of Melissa Carol, Rebekah Ellen, Jennifer Nicole, and Colton Edward; the great-grandfather of Ashley, Michaela, Michael, Jonathan, Abram, Sawyer, and Jude; the great-great-grandfather of Angus; and the brother of Alberta Mullins;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Senate hereby expresses its most profound sympathy upon the passing of Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson, and posthumously thanks him for his service to this nation as part of the Greatest Generation.

Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving memory of Charles Edward "Charlie" Wilson.

Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Senator Stephen West for delivery to the family.