

1 A RESOLUTION honoring World War II veterans and the Honor Flight Network.

2 WHEREAS, over 16 million Americans served their country and its allies during
3 the course of World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, the generation of men and women who served the United States in
5 World War II has been called "the greatest generation" for their selfless sacrifice; and

6 WHEREAS, the 80th anniversary of the bombing of Pearl Harbor will occur this
7 year on December 7, 2021; and

8 WHEREAS, a young man or woman who entered service in 1945 as an 18-year-old
9 would now be 94 years old; and

10 WHEREAS, of the 16 million men and women who participated in World War II,
11 only about 300,000 remain; and

12 WHEREAS, the United States currently loses approximately 300 World War II
13 veterans a day; and

14 WHEREAS, it is estimated that Kentucky is home to approximately 2,000 to 3,000
15 World War II veterans; and

16 WHEREAS, we as Americans owe our freedom to these World War II veterans
17 who saved the world; and

18 WHEREAS, there exist veterans of World War II who fought with courage and
19 valor for the United States but have not had the opportunity, or the ability because of
20 physical or financial limitations, to visit the United States Capitol to see the World War II
21 Memorial for themselves; and

22 WHEREAS, the Honor Flight Network is a nonprofit organization created solely to
23 honor America's veterans for all their sacrifices; and

24 WHEREAS, in years where travel is unimpeded, the Honor Flight Kentucky
25 organization based in Winchester, Kentucky, takes four trips per year and takes up to 75
26 veterans per trip to visit Washington, D.C., to see various war memorials, including the
27 World War II memorial, and meet with members of Congress; and

1 WHEREAS, in years where travel is unimpeded, the Honor Flight Bluegrass
2 organization based in Louisville, Kentucky, takes three trips per year and takes up to 80
3 veterans per trip to visit Washington, D.C., to see various war memorials, including the
4 World War II memorial and meet with members of Congress; and

5 WHEREAS, these honor flights are staffed by volunteers and funded by donations;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, the Honor Flight Network gives top priority to senior veterans, namely
8 World War II veterans; and

9 WHEREAS, the Honor Flight Network is working against time to thank World War
10 II veterans for their service;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

14 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors World War II veterans for their bravery
15 and sacrifice while serving our great nation.

16 ➔Section 2. The Senate hereby honors the Honor Flight Network and its
17 Kentucky-based hubs Honor Flight Kentucky and Honor Flight Bluegrass for enabling
18 veterans to travel to Washington, D.C., to appreciate the World War II Memorial and all
19 that it represents.

20 ➔Section 3. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of American
21 World War II veterans and those who enable veterans' honor flights to Washington, D.C.

22 ➔Section 4. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
23 resolution to the office of Senator Ralph Alvarado.