

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating and honoring the life and accomplishments of
2 Eula Hall.

3 WHEREAS, Eula Hall was known as an activist and a "one-woman relief agency"
4 in Appalachia; and

5 WHEREAS, Eula Hall spent her life advocating for workers' rights, school lunch
6 programs, and access to health care; and

7 WHEREAS, Eula Hall was born on October 29, 1927, in Greasy Creek, a coal town
8 in eastern Kentucky, where she was driven by her own experience with poverty to
9 dedicate her life to her advocacy, ensuring every person had access to medical care,
10 regardless of their ability to pay for services or prescriptions; and

11 WHEREAS, Eula Hall was driven by a desire to help in the war effort during World
12 War II, when at the age of 14, she lied about her age and worked underage at a canning
13 and munitions factory; and

14 WHEREAS, Eula Hall began her activism at that young age by organizing a strike
15 at a canning and munitions factory outside Rochester, New York, for unfair and unsafe
16 conditions at the factory; and

17 WHEREAS, after being arrested for organizing the strike, she was returned to
18 Kentucky when a police officer found out her true age. She then continued her activism
19 by participating in miners' strikes throughout eastern Kentucky; and

20 WHEREAS, a little later in life, she was elected president of the Kentucky Black
21 Lung Association and organized frequent bus trips to Washington, D.C., where she
22 lobbied for better benefits for miners and for widow's benefits, and was often the only
23 woman at the table; and

24 WHEREAS, her work brought her national recognition from the likes of President
25 Lyndon B. Johnson, Senator Ted Kennedy, President Bill Clinton, President George H.W.
26 Bush, Senator Mitch McConnell, and Jesse Jackson;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
2 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives do hereby
4 commemorate and honor the life and accomplishments of Eula Hall and posthumously
5 recognize her for her dedication to activism, especially for the people of eastern
6 Kentucky.

7 ➔Section 2. The House of Representatives does hereby recommend that
8 consideration be given to commemorate Eula Hall by erecting a statue of this influential
9 Appalachian in the Capitol rotunda.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
11 copy of this Resolution to Governor Andy Beshear, State Capitol, Room 100, Frankfort,
12 Kentucky 40601.