

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Thomas
2 Emby "Tom" Duncan.

3 Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a
4 moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and
5 the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.—1 Corinthians

6 WHEREAS, Thomas Duncan was born in McCreary County, Kentucky, on June 5,
7 1926, the cherished son of the late Andrew Jackson Duncan and Sylvia Ann West
8 Duncan; and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Duncan proudly served his country as a member of the United
10 States Navy aboard the *USS Mispillion* during World War II. He went on to retire as a
11 switchman for Southern Norfolk Southern Railway out of Cincinnati, Ohio, before
12 moving shortly to Flagler, Florida, and finally to Bronston, Kentucky, where he resided at
13 the time of his death; and

14 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Pap," Tom Duncan was a believer in the
15 Pentecostal faith. An avid fan of John Wayne, a prodigious storyteller, and most
16 importantly a family man of the first order, Pap's kindness, compassion, and indelible
17 faith in Christ were cornerstones of his extraordinary life; and

18 WHEREAS, the cherished brother of Ralph (the late Jenny) Duncan and Eloise
19 Duncan (Ed) Kidd, Tom Duncan was the adoring husband of the late Irene Vickery
20 Duncan, whom he married in Covington, Kentucky, on July 16, 1948; the loving father of
21 the late Deborah Sue Duncan Tompkins, the late Rebecca Adele Duncan Lavender, the
22 late Karen Lee Duncan, Ann Thomas Duncan Cain, Stephanie Rose Duncan McDonald
23 and her husband Mike, and Nana Beth Duncan Tripp and her husband John; the father of
24 a special daughter-at-heart, Cindy Adair Sucharski (John); the proud grandfather of
25 Andrew Michael Tompkins (Crystal), Margaret Irene Tompkins Dabney (Jackie), Ryan
26 Matthew Tompkins (Tarin), Christian Thomas Foreman (Rebecca), Jeremiah Alexander
27 Cain, Richard Foreman, William Ross Lavender (Sharon), Emily Kate Lavender (Brent),

1 Laura Christine Guy (Emmanuel), Morgan Elizabeth Talbot (Alex), Thomas Wilson
2 Duncan, Amanda Kristen Kargas (George), and Brandon Kyle Cross; the great-
3 grandfather of A.J., Austin, Aaron, Aiden, Kylie, Abby, Jonathan, Jenna, Riley, Isabella,
4 Lilly Rose, Lauren, Cannon, Matthew, Sarabeth, Cambri, Nicolette, Savannah, Cooper,
5 and Penelope; and the companion of his faithful guard dog, Scooby; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Duncan departed this earthly life and returned to his forever
7 home on July 22, 2021, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

8 WHEREAS, this august body stands on this day in reverence upon the passing of a
9 Kentuckian and an American of the first order, Thomas Emby "Tom" Duncan, and in so
10 doing the members express their deepest appreciation for his courageous service to the
11 United States during World War II;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

15 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate, individually and collectively, hereby
16 express their most profound sympathy upon the passing of Thomas Emby "Tom" Duncan,
17 and extend heartfelt condolences to the entire Duncan family in this time of loss.

18 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
19 memory of Thomas Emby "Tom" Duncan.