

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the historical significance of Colonel Frank Lane
2 Wolford.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Frank Lane Wolford was a native son of Kentucky, born in
4 Adair County on September 2, 1817, to John and Mahalia Wolford; and

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Wolford studied law under Hiram Thomas, was admitted to
6 the bar in Casey County, and practiced law in Liberty, Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, Colonel Wolford fought in the Mexican War, serving under Colonel
8 William R. McKee; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1847, Colonel Wolford returned to Kentucky and was elected to a
10 term in the Kentucky House of Representatives; and

11 WHEREAS, Colonel Wolford returned to the full-time practice of law and earned a
12 reputation as one of the best criminal lawyers in the Green River region; and

13 WHEREAS, during the Civil War, Frank Wolford organized and recruited for the
14 1st Kentucky Calvary, serving as Colonel. The 1st Kentucky Calvary frequently fought
15 John Hunt Morgan's Confederate Cavalry until Morgan's capture in 1863. In March 1864,
16 Colonel Wolford was dishonorably discharged from the Union Army by President
17 Lincoln. Colonel Wolford was arrested and jailed numerous times by General Stephen T.
18 Burbridge for publicly criticizing President Lincoln and the federal enlistment of African-
19 American soldiers. President Lincoln intervened and the matter was ended in 1865; and

20 WHEREAS, Colonel Wolford returned to the political arena representing the
21 Casey-Russell County district in the Kentucky House of Representatives from 1865 to
22 1867. In 1865 and 1869, Colonel Wolford was a Kentucky Presidential elector, voting for
23 General George B. McClellan and Horatio Seymour, respectively. In 1867, he was
24 appointed adjutant general by Governor John W. Stevenson and served until 1868.
25 Colonel Wolford returned to practicing law in Liberty until 1879 and then in Adair
26 County. Colonel Wolford was elected to represent the 11th Congressional District and
27 served two terms in the United States Congress from March 4, 1883, to March 3, 1887;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Colonel Wolford died on August 2, 1895, and is buried in Columbia,
3 Kentucky; and

4 WHEREAS, this body honors and recognizes Colonel Frank Lane Wolford for his
5 dedication to the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a citizen, lawyer, military soldier and
6 officer, legislator, adjutant general, and Congressman;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate acknowledges the historical significance
11 Colonel Frank Lane Wolford.

12 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Colonel
13 Frank Lane Wolford and the ending of the Civil War on April 9, 1865.

14 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
15 Resolution to Senator Max Wise.