

1           A RESOLUTION honoring the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) on its 90th  
2 anniversary and declaring May 18 to 24, 2023, as TVA Appreciation Week.

3           WHEREAS, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, in order to lift the Tennessee Valley  
4 out of the depths of the Great Depression, asked Congress as part of his New Deal  
5 proposals to create "a corporation clothed with the power of government but possessed of  
6 the flexibility and initiative of a private enterprise"; and

7           WHEREAS, on May 18, 1933, Congress responded by passing the Tennessee  
8 Valley Authority Act establishing a corporation at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, charged with  
9 improving flood control of the Tennessee River, providing agricultural and industrial  
10 development of the Tennessee valley, and other responsibilities; and

11           WHEREAS, this corporation, known as TVA, pioneered innovative strategies for  
12 solving challenges in areas such as power production, navigation, flood control, malaria  
13 prevention, reforestation, and erosion control; and

14           WHEREAS, TVA contributed greatly to the valley's agricultural production by  
15 creating a world-class fertilizer research and development center at Muscle Shoals,  
16 producing fertilizers, teaching farmers how to improve crop yields, and launching other  
17 initiatives; and

18           WHEREAS, during World War II, TVA proved itself instrumental to the national  
19 defense by utilizing the Muscle Shoals facilities to increase production of elemental  
20 phosphorus, a vital military material, by 30 percent, and by producing more than 100,000  
21 tons of calcium carbide for synthetic rubber production; and

22           WHEREAS, TVA contributed greatly to the valley's economic prospects by  
23 providing electricity generated in part by Kentucky's coal industry at Shawnee Fossil,  
24 Paradise Fossil and Combined Cycle, Kentucky Dam Hydro, Calvert City Combustion  
25 Turbine, and by making life easier for the valley's residents and attracting industry to  
26 provide desperately needed jobs; and

27           WHEREAS, TVA's scenic Kentucky Lake reservoir and natural resources provide a

1 multitude of recreational opportunities for citizens and enhances tourism in communities;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, TVA successfully focuses on its core mission of improving the quality  
4 of life in the valley by providing wholesale electric power competitively, cleanly, and  
5 efficiently; and

6 WHEREAS, TVA provides community energy to 9 municipalities, 5 electric  
7 cooperatives, and 13 direct service customers in the Commonwealth; and

8 WHEREAS, TVA is the nation's largest public electric power company, serving 10  
9 million residents in the valley's seven-state region; and

10 WHEREAS, 90 years after President Roosevelt, Senator George Norris, and  
11 Congress demonstrated the wisdom and foresight to create the Tennessee Valley  
12 Authority, it is clear TVA continues to fulfill its charge to support an unprecedented era  
13 of growth and prosperity in the valley; and

14 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky recognizes the rich, 90-year history  
15 of the Tennessee Valley Authority and its vital role in the region, and proudly declares  
16 May 18 to 24, 2023, as TVA Appreciation Week;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

18 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***  
19 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

20 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives honors the Tennessee Valley  
21 Authority on this its 90th anniversary and hereby recognizes May 18 to 24, 2023, as TVA  
22 Appreciation Week.

23 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a  
24 copy of this Resolution to Representative Chris Freeland.