

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Dan Hale.

2 WHEREAS, Dan Hale was born on March 23, 1920, to James Wesley and Virgie  
3 Anders Hale; and

4 WHEREAS, Dan Hale enlisted in the United States Army in 1941 and served for 43  
5 months. As a soldier within General Patton's Army, 5th Division, Dan Hale fought during  
6 World War II. He spent time in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe,  
7 the Ardennes, and was in the Battle of the Bulge. While his platoon was fighting in a  
8 hedgerow, German troops overran the soldiers and captured all but himself. Dan Hale  
9 grabbed his rifle, asked the Lord for help, and ran. While serving in the Army, Dan Hale  
10 suffered frostbite and lost his hearing due to an explosion which shattered his ear drum;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Dan Hale returned to London, Kentucky, and in February of 1947 he  
13 married Alma Arthur Hale. The couple, determined to be wed, walked in knee-deep snow  
14 to the preacher's house and then walked to another house to locate the preacher to  
15 perform the wedding ceremony; and

16 WHEREAS, Dan Hale supported his large family through gardening and raising  
17 their own food and working at Cook Brothers and then Dixie Motors. During his 35 years  
18 with Dixie Motors, Dan Hale was an A-1 body man working with metal; and

19 WHEREAS, Dan and Alma Hale worked with other couples from London,  
20 Kentucky, and established the London Disabled American Veteran's Chapter. The couple  
21 maintained their lifetime memberships with the London DAV, American Legion, and  
22 AmVets; and

23 WHEREAS, in his limited spare time, Dan Hale enjoyed fox hunting, fishing, and  
24 gardening. Additionally, he served as the family's professional tater peeler. Dan Hale was  
25 a sociable gentleman and loved being with family and friends and playing music; and

26 WHEREAS, Dan and Alma Hale were devoted followers of Christ and instilled  
27 Christian values while raising their nine children. The family were members of Hilltop

1 Baptist Church and at times attended services three times every Sunday; and

2 WHEREAS, Dan Hale departed this earthly life at the age of 102 and went home to  
3 the Lord on March 7, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Wesley and  
4 Virgie Anders Hale; four siblings, Curtis Hale, Gerlene Hale, Irene Galloway, and  
5 Virginia Rockwell; two grandchildren, Eric Hale and Stephen Baker; and one great-  
6 grandson, Jesse Cobb; and

7 WHEREAS, Dan Hale's legacy will continue with his loving wife of 76 years,  
8 Alma Arthur Hale; nine children, Brenda Reams, Linda (Luther) Arnold, Roger  
9 (Charlotte) Hale, Ronnie (Sandra) Hale, Danny (Debbie) Hale, Von (David) Brock, Carol  
10 (Denver) Begley, Lisa (Wendell) Bengé, and Mark (Deronda) Hale; twenty-six  
11 grandchildren; fifty-two great-grandchildren; seventeen great great-grandchildren; one  
12 brother, Jerry Hale; and a host of other family and friends;

13 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

16 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the  
17 passing of Dan Hale and expresses heartfelt condolences to his family and community in  
18 this time of loss.

19 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving  
20 memory of Dan Hale.

21 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this  
22 Resolution to Senator Brandon Storm for delivery.