

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 Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
19 ***Kentucky:***

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

22 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
23 Resolution to Senator Danny Carroll.