

1           A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and celebration of Glendell  
2 Bennett on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

3           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett was born a century ago on March 2, 1924, in  
4 Chicago, Illinois. On March 2, 2024, he will proudly celebrate his 100th birthday, and the  
5 Senate commends and congratulates him on a life well-lived with honor and  
6 perseverance; and

7           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett relocated to Lexington, Kentucky, from Chicago,  
8 Illinois, in 2012 to be near his daughters after time spent in Illinois and Texas; and

9           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett, prior to being drafted into the United States Army,  
10 volunteered with the Tuskegee Airmen and was proud to clear brush for landing strips  
11 and work on the maintenance of the aircraft; and

12           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett served in the United States Army during World War  
13 II from 1943 to 1947, stationed throughout Europe, with a regiment that delivered  
14 supplies to the front lines. His unit was known as the Quartermaster Truck Company and  
15 was a part of the Red Ball Express, primarily composed of Black soldiers; and

16           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett worked alongside many civil rights leaders in  
17 Chicago, promoting equality and representation in business and politics. One of his  
18 proudest moments was when his daughter, Hon. Diane Minnifield was sworn in as  
19 Circuit Judge of the Twenty-second Judicial Circuit, 7th Division, in Fayette County; and

20           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett received many recognitions and rewards based on  
21 his remarkable life, including the recording of his oral history for the Library of  
22 Congress; and

23           WHEREAS, late into his 90s, Glendell Bennett could be found working with  
24 Kentucky's Senior Community Service Employment Program as a greeter at the  
25 Leestown Road Goodwill store in Lexington; and

26           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett fathered nine children and was a stepfather to three  
27 children; and

1           WHEREAS, Glendell Bennett attends church at the historic Main Street Baptist  
2 Church in Lexington, Kentucky, and enjoys spending time with his children,  
3 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren, who join the Senate in celebration of an  
4 extraordinary man who has lived in an America that he fought for, struggled in, and still  
5 believes in;

6           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9           ➔Section 1. The Senate congratulates Glendell Bennett on a life well-lived and  
10 wishes him continued success in all future endeavors.

11           ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and  
12 celebration of Glendell Bennett on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

13           ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this  
14 Resolution to Senator Reginald Thomas for delivery.