

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Warrant
2 Officer 1 Jeffery Barnes, Sergeant Emilie Marie Eve Bolanos, Chief Warrant Officer 3
3 Zachary Esparza, Sergeant Isaac John Gayo, Staff Sergeant Joshua Caleb Gore, Warrant
4 Officer 2 Aaron Healy, Staff Sergeant Taylor Mitchell, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rusten
5 Smith, and Sergeant David Solinas Jr.

6 WHEREAS, on March 29, 2023, nine United States Army soldiers from Fort
7 Campbell, Kentucky were involved in a fatal, midair collision while conducting a Black
8 Hawk helicopter training exercise; and

9 WHEREAS, the nine brave soldiers who perished were Warrant Officer 1 Jeffery
10 Barnes, 33, from Milton, Florida; Sergeant Emilie Marie Eve Bolanos, 23, born in the
11 Philippines and enlisted out of Austin, Texas; Chief Warrant Officer 3 Zachary Esparza,
12 36, from Jackson, Missouri; Sergeant Isaac John Gayo, 27, born in the Philippines and
13 enlisted out of Los Angeles, California; Staff Sergeant Joshua Caleb Gore, 25, from
14 Morehead City, North Carolina; Warrant Officer 2 Aaron Healy, 32, from Cape Coral,
15 Florida; Staff Sergeant Taylor Mitchell, 30, from Mountain Brook, Alabama; Chief
16 Warrant Officer 2 Rusten Smith, 32, from Rolla, Missouri; and Sergeant David Solinas
17 Jr., 23, from Oradell, New Jersey; and

18 WHEREAS, these nine United States Army soldiers were true American patriots
19 who loved and proudly served their country; and

20 WHEREAS, 101st Commanding General Officer Major General J.P. McGee
21 remembered these fallen soldiers as "irreplaceable national treasures"; and

22 WHEREAS, Sergeant Bolanos, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Zachary Esparza, and
23 Chief Warren Officer 2 Aaron Healy were posthumously promoted; and

24 WHEREAS, these nine heroes will be mourned across the length and breadth of the
25 Commonwealth and they have left a void that cannot be filled in the hearts and minds of
26 their family and friends; and

27 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that these brave soldiers receive recognition for

1 paying the ultimate sacrifice while serving their country;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

3 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
4 *Kentucky:*

5 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express its profound condolences and
6 sympathy upon the passing of Warrant Officer 1 Jeffery Barnes, Sergeant Emilie Marie
7 Eve Bolanos, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Zachary Esparza, Sergeant Isaac John Gayo, Staff
8 Sergeant Joshua Caleb Gore, Warrant Officer 2 Aaron Healy, Staff Sergeant Taylor
9 Mitchell, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rusten Smith, and Sergeant David Solinas Jr. to their
10 family, friends, and community in this time of loss.

11 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
12 memory of the bravery and service of Warrant Officer 1 Jeffery Barnes, Sergeant Emilie
13 Marie Eve Bolanos, Chief Warrant Officer 3 Zachary Esparza, Sergeant Isaac John Gayo,
14 Staff Sergeant Joshua Caleb Gore, Warrant Officer 2 Aaron Healy, Staff Sergeant Taylor
15 Mitchell, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Rusten Smith, and Sergeant David Solinas Jr.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell for delivery to the families.