

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the life and memory of Pikeville native and lifelong
2 public servant Eugene Welch Davis.

3 WHEREAS, Eugene Welch Davis was born on September 26, 1931, in Millstone,
4 Kentucky, to the late Joseph Wheeler Davis and Isabelle Johnson Davis; and

5 WHEREAS, Eugene Welch Davis was a 1949 graduate of Pikeville High School.
6 He attended Pikeville Junior College for two years prior to protecting this great nation as
7 a member of the United States Navy. Following four years of naval service, Eugene
8 Davis Welch graduated from Pikeville College in 1957, and began his teaching career at
9 Pikeville High School; and

10 WHEREAS, Eugene Welch Davis served as head coach of the Pikeville High
11 School football team for eight seasons, athletic director for five years, and baseball coach
12 for ten years; and

13 WHEREAS, Eugene Welch Davis went on to earn a master's degree from Union
14 College. He then began a 19-year banking career at First National Bank prior to returning
15 to Pikeville High School for eight more years as an educator and to assist in coaching the
16 football team; and

17 WHEREAS, upon his retirement, Eugene Welch Davis, he was inducted into the
18 Pikeville High School Sports Hall of Fame. The city of Pikeville eventually named the
19 baseball field at Hambley Athletic Complex "Davis Park" in his honor; and

20 WHEREAS, Eugene Welch Davis was a proud public servant of the community of
21 Pikeville. His teaching career at Pikeville Independent Schools spanned over six decades.
22 He served three decades as a Pikeville City Commissioner and was a 25-year member of
23 the Kiwanis Club; and

24 WHEREAS, on Friday, December 29, 2023, Eugene Welch Davis traversed these
25 earthly bounds. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Sue
26 York Davis; his brothers, Col. Joseph Wheeler Davis Jr. and Roger Herman Davis; his
27 sisters, Minnie Sue Flint and Francis Bolen; and his great-granddaughter Willow Ann

1 Davis; and

2 WHEREAS, Eugene Welch Davis is survived by his son, Charles Foster "Frosty"
3 (Melissa) Davis; his daughters, Eugenia Sue Davis (Don Paul), Branham and Laura
4 Mesta Davis (Stan) Scalf; his grandchildren, Thomas Scalf, Jonathan Scalf, Laura
5 Catharine "Kitty" Walters, Bethany Hope Smith, Don Paul Branham II, Eugene Welch
6 Davis II, Charles "Chip" Foster Davis II, and Kayla Stiltner; and his eighteen great-
7 grandchildren;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
10 *Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby extends its most profound sympathy upon the
12 passing of Eugene Welch Davis and expresses heartfelt condolences to his family in this
13 time of loss.

14 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
15 memory of Eugene Welch Davis.

16 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
17 Resolution to Senator Phillip Wheeler for presentation to the family.