

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing and honoring Senator Aaron Reed as the first Navy
2 SEAL to serve in the Kentucky Senate.

3 WHEREAS, the Kentucky Senate takes great pride in acknowledging Senator
4 Aaron Reed, a native of Shelbyville, Kentucky, who has demonstrated exemplary service,
5 discipline, respect, and excellence for his country and Shelby County community; and

6 WHEREAS, established in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy, the United States
7 Navy Sea, Air, and Land Teams (SEALs) are an elite maritime military force,
8 specializing in unconventional warfare, capable of operating to execute high-risk
9 missions that are vital for national security; and

10 WHEREAS, following the tragic terrorist attacks of the September 11, 2001, the
11 then 24 year-old Aaron Reed answered the call to serve, fighting on the front lines with
12 unwavering courage and dedication; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished military career, Senator Aaron Reed was
14 actively engaged in highly specialized and covert operations to combat zones, including
15 Iraq and Afghanistan, conducting hundreds of missions to uphold the values of freedom
16 and democracy; and

17 WHEREAS, Senator Aaron Reed has dedicated over 22 years of service to the
18 United States Navy as a Navy SEAL, attaining the rank of Senior Chief before his
19 retirement in December 2021; and

20 WHEREAS, after retiring from active duty, Senator Aaron Reed continued his
21 commitment to service by becoming a successful entrepreneur, founding and operating
22 local businesses Kodiak Coating and Ops Supply, which have contributed to the
23 economic growth of Shelby County and surrounding communities; and

24 WHEREAS, driven by a passion to serve his fellow Kentuckians, Senator Aaron
25 Reed sought elected office and, in November 2024, was chosen by the people of District
26 7, which includes Anderson, Henry, Shelby, and part of Jefferson County, to represent
27 them in the Kentucky Senate; and

1 WHEREAS, Senator Aaron Reed made history as the first Navy SEAL to serve in
2 the Kentucky Senate, bringing with him a depth of leadership experience and dedication
3 to the principles of honor, courage, and commitment; and

4 WHEREAS, since assuming office in 2025, Senator Aaron Reed has been a
5 dedicated member of the Kentucky Senate, tirelessly advocating for veterans affairs as
6 vice chair of the Veterans, Military Affairs, and Public Protection Committee, as well as
7 contributing his expertise to the Judiciary, Education, and Agriculture Committees;

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 recognizes and honors Senator Aaron Reed for his
12 distinguished military service and his legislative service, as the first Navy SEAL elected
13 to the Kentucky Senate.

14 ➔Section 2. The Senate expresses its profound appreciation for Senator Aaron
15 Reed's leadership and experience as a Navy SEAL as he represents the people of
16 Kentucky, and extends its best wishes for his continued success in public service.

17 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
18 Resolution to Senator Aaron Reed as a token of gratitude and recognition for his service
19 and excellence.