

1 A RESOLUTION commemorating the 250th anniversary of the founding of the  
2 United States Army.

3 WHEREAS, in 1775, in the early months of the American Revolution, General  
4 George Washington made fervent appeals for a regular fighting force; and

5 WHEREAS, hearing General Washington's concerns, the Second Continental  
6 Congress, on June 14, 1775, organized the first iteration of the United States Army by  
7 combining 22,000 militia troops around Boston at that time with an additional 5,000  
8 militiamen in New York; and

9 WHEREAS, this new force, still composed of militia, was placed under the  
10 command of General Washington on July 3, 1775; and

11 WHEREAS, as General Washington recognized that the various components under  
12 his command still functioned in effect as militias, he urged the Continental Congress for a  
13 force that was not comprised of militia members, but was a distinct force with members  
14 from all the colonies that could be better trained and prepared for engagements where  
15 needed, which the Continental Congress provided; and

16 WHEREAS, the United States Army as it stands today is a force of more than  
17 700,000 soldiers extensively and professionally trained to defend American interests in  
18 any terrain at any time; and

19 WHEREAS, the soul of the United States Army is its soldiers who offer their very  
20 lives in sacrifice for American ideals, family, and, particularly in times of combat, their  
21 fellow soldiers; and

22 WHEREAS, the United States Army has answered the call of American interests  
23 over the course of three centuries, but in the 20th Century and the 21st Century, the  
24 United States Army has been deployed notably in World War I, World War II, the  
25 Korean War, the Vietnam War, Desert Shield and Desert Storm, and the Global War on  
26 Terror; and

27 WHEREAS, without this stalwart fighting force, the citizens of the United States

1 would not be living the American Dream, and designs of malevolent leaders would not  
2 have been thwarted. But because of the faithful and dedicated members of the United  
3 States Army, the citizens of the United States may live peaceful lives, free in their pursuit  
4 of happiness;

5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. This august body commemorates the 250th Anniversary of the  
9 founding of the United States Army and acknowledges the critical role it plays in the  
10 defense of this Commonwealth and its parent nation and in preserving the lives and  
11 liberties of the citizenry.

12 ➔Section 2. This august body further recognizes the sacrifices of soldiers and  
13 their families have made from the earliest stirrings of the American Revolution to the  
14 Global War on Terror so that we, as a nation and a Commonwealth, may live in peace.