

1 A RESOLUTION commending the valor of Chief Warrant Officer Five Eric A.
2 Slover for demonstrating gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty
3 while serving his country in the United States Army, and honoring him as a recipient of
4 the Medal of Honor.

5 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Five Eric Slover distinguished himself by
6 conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity, above and beyond the call of duty, on January 3,
7 2026, during a mission in Venezuela, in support of Operation Absolute Resolve, the
8 operation that led to the capture of Venezuela's President, Nicolas Maduro, and his wife;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Five Eric Slover, serving in the Fort Campbell-
11 based 160th Special Operations Aviation Regiment (Airborne) known as the "Night
12 Stalkers," piloted his MH-47 Chinook helicopter as the lead aircraft of the operation,
13 tasked with executing a highly complex infiltration through hostile Integrated Air
14 Defense Systems to safely deliver military forces; and

15 WHEREAS, during ingress, Chief Warrant Officer Eric Slover skillfully led the
16 helicopter force through a dense jungle valley in a mountainous region, navigating
17 marginal weather conditions, numerous topographical hazards, and near insurmountable
18 surface-to-air threats; and

19 WHEREAS, upon touching down at the designated landing zone, Chief Warrant
20 Officer Five Slover's aircraft was immediately engaged by multiple machine gun
21 positions at close range. The hostile fire resulted in 15 armor-piercing rounds entering his
22 cockpit, with four rounds striking his leg; and

23 WHEREAS, despite the intense and effective enemy fire, and at great personal risk,
24 Chief Warrant Officer Five Slover maintained his situational awareness and aircraft's
25 position in the line of fire to ensure the safe infiltration of the military forces; and

26 WHEREAS, after the force disembarked, and despite suffering significant life-
27 threatening injuries, Chief Warrant Officer Five Slover identified hostile heavy machine

1 gun positions that were engaging his aircraft to enable his door gunner to deliver effective
2 fire, successfully neutralizing the threats; and

3 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Five Slover's heroic actions undoubtedly saved
4 countless American lives and ensured the complete and overwhelming success of the
5 mission; and

6 WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer Five Eric Slover's gallantry under fire and
7 extraordinary valor are in keeping with the highest traditions of military service and
8 reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, Kentucky is honored and proud to be the home of Chief Warrant
10 Officer Five Eric Slover and commends his heroic actions during Operation Absolute
11 Resolve;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

13 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
14 *Kentucky:*

15 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby recognizes the extraordinary valor of Chief
16 Warrant Officer Five Eric A. Slover for demonstrating gallantry and intrepidity above
17 and beyond the call of duty while serving his country in the United States Army, and
18 honors him as a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

19 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in awe and respect of
20 Chief Warrant Officer Five Eric A. Slover.

21 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
22 Resolution to Senator Jason Howell for presentation.