

1 A RESOLUTION honoring and remembering Technical Sergeant Ashley B. Pruitt
2 upon her passing as she made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

3 WHEREAS, a daughter of Bardstown, Kentucky, Technical Sergeant Ashley B.
4 Pruitt shared a life with her husband, Gregory Pruitt, their 3-year-old daughter, and her
5 stepson; and

6 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Pruitt joined the United States Air Force in 2017,
7 deployed four times, had nearly 900 combat flight hours, and held two associate degrees
8 from the Community College of the Air Force; and

9 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Pruitt most recently served with the 99th Air
10 Refueling Squadron from Sumpter Smith Joint National Guard Base in Birmingham,
11 Alabama. She was an assistant flight chief of operations and was an instructor in
12 operating the refueling boom of a KC-135 Stratotanker; and

13 WHEREAS, on March 12, 2026, while supporting Operation Epic Fury, Technical
14 Sergeant Pruitt's final mission ended in the deserts of western Iraq when her KC-135
15 Stratotanker went down, taking Technical Sergeant Pruitt and five other servicemembers
16 with it; and

17 WHEREAS, Technical Sergeant Pruitt lived with courage, a spirit of service, and a
18 love for her country that took her from the heart of Nelson County to the farthest reaches
19 of the globe. Her husband stated she was, "...in a word, radiant. If there was a light in the
20 room, she was it."; and

21 WHEREAS, the country, our Commonwealth, and her family all mourn the loss of
22 Technical Sergeant Pruitt, whose life and heroic service will never be forgotten; and

23 WHEREAS, as General Steven Nordhaus said, "Our greatest history is written in
24 the lives of people like Ashley. She was a daughter of Nelson County, a sister in arms,
25 and a hero for us all. Her watch has ended, her flight finished, and she is home at last in
26 the hearts of those who loved her.";

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
2 *Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors and remembers Technical Sergeant Ashley
4 B. Pruitt upon her passing, as she made the ultimate sacrifice for our nation.

5 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
6 remembrance of Technical Sergeant Ashley B. Pruitt.

7 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
8 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery to the family.