

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the tremendous skill and efficiency of the United
2 States of America's elite Delta Force for the successful capture of Venezuelan President
3 Nicolas Maduro.

4 WHEREAS, on January 3, 2026, the United States military and law enforcement
5 officials captured Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro in a high-stakes military
6 operation, a mission carried out by the United States Army's Delta Force and supported
7 by extensive American airpower with more than 150 aircraft, including bombers, fighters,
8 intelligence, reconnaissance, surveillance, and rotary wing aircraft; and

9 WHEREAS, for months, United States spies had been monitoring President
10 Maduro's every move. In early December, a planned mission dubbed "Operation
11 Absolute Resolve" was finalized. It was the result of months of meticulous planning and
12 rehearsals, which even included elite United States troops creating in Kentucky an exact
13 full-size replica of Maduro's Caracas, Venezuela safe house to practice their entry routes;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, over the weeks through Christmas and New Year, the men and women
16 of the United States military sat ready, patiently waiting for the right triggers to be met
17 and the President to order them into action. Finally, at 10:46 p.m. on January 2, 2026,
18 President Donald Trump gave the order with the words, "good luck and Godspeed"; and

19 WHEREAS, what followed was a mission by air, land, and sea that stunned the
20 world. The scale and precision of the mission, that lasted only two hours and twenty
21 minutes, was virtually unprecedented; and

22 WHEREAS, as airstrikes rang out around Caracas, United States forces made their
23 way into the city. Included were members of the elite Delta Force, the United States
24 military's top special mission unit, flown in by the "Night Stalkers" of the 160th Special
25 Operations Aviation Regiment based out of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. These forces were
26 heavily armed and made the first strikes on President Maduro's military fortress in the
27 heart of Caracas; and

1 WHEREAS, the troops took fire when they arrived, and one of the helicopters was
2 hit but still able to fly. The apprehension force descended into Maduro's compound and
3 moved with speed, precision, and discipline, according to Airforce General Dan Caine,
4 the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; and

5 WHEREAS, as the elite Delta Force flooded in, President Maduro attempted to flee
6 to a safe room but never made it inside the door. Delta Force was there too quickly for
7 the door to close and President Maduro and his wife, Cilia Flores, were apprehended with
8 no United States military force fatalities; and

9 WHEREAS, the decisive action and planning of the executive orders to capture
10 President Maduro and his wife were aided in no small part by the Commonwealth of
11 Kentucky providing the replica of the military safe house compound for practice of the
12 mission and the Fort Campbell "Night Stalkers" of the 160th Special Operations Aviation
13 Regiment; and

14 WHEREAS, the members of the elite Delta Force are commended for their
15 effectiveness and efficiency in carrying out sensitive missions throughout the world;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

17 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
18 ***Kentucky:***

19 ➡Section 1. The Senate hereby recognize the tremendous skill and efficiency of
20 the United States of America's elite Delta Force for the successful capture of Venezuelan
21 President Nicolas Maduro on January 3, 2026.

22 ➡Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the brave
23 servicemembers who fight for our freedoms.

24 ➡Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
25 Resolution to Senator Phillip Wheeler.