

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the courageous and sacrificial acts of esteemed
2 Americans who took a stand to ensure that all citizens have the right to vote in this great
3 American democracy.

4 WHEREAS, March 7th, 1965, is known in American history as "Bloody Sunday,"
5 when over 600 people began the 54-mile march from Selma, Alabama, to the State
6 Capitol of Montgomery, Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, the march commemorated the death of twenty-six-year-old Jimmie Lee
8 Jackson, who had been shot and killed on February 18, 1965, by an Alabama state trooper
9 while trying to protect his mother during a civil rights demonstration; and

10 WHEREAS, Governor George Wallace order state troopers "to use whatever
11 measures are necessary to prevent a march"; and

12 WHEREAS, 17 marchers were hospitalized and 50 more were treated for lesser
13 injuries, which included the late Congressman John Lewis, during the "Bloody Sunday"
14 demonstration; and

15 WHEREAS, an iconic moment in civil rights history was captured as marchers
16 joined to march over the Edmund Pettus Bridge, which was named after a Confederate
17 General and Grand Dragon of the Alabama Ku Klux Klan; and

18 WHEREAS, television cameras recorded the brutal assault and brought it into
19 millions of American homes; and

20 WHEREAS, for two days after the march, demonstrations were held in some 80
21 U.S. cities in support of the marchers; and

22 WHEREAS, the march that began on Bloody Sunday was eventually reattempted on
23 March 21st and grew to a crowd of 25,000 by the time the marchers reached
24 Montgomery, Alabama; and

25 WHEREAS, the events in Selma galvanized public opinion and mobilized Congress
26 to pass the Voting Rights Act, which Democrat President Lyndon Baines Johnson signed
27 into law on August 6, 1965; and

1 WHEREAS, the march from Selma helped to restore the right to vote for all
2 Americans by virtue of reinforcing the intent of the 15th Amendment of the United States
3 Constitution;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

7 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby honor the courageous persons
8 who gave personal sacrifice to ensure that democracy and voting was a right of every
9 American.

10 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of the civil
11 servants who made the Voting Rights Act possible.

12 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to make copies of this Resolution
13 available to members of the Senate.