

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Alice Dunnigan.

2 WHEREAS, Alice Allison Dunnigan was a daughter of this Commonwealth,
3 having been born in Russellville on April 27, 1906; and

4 WHEREAS, Alice Dunnigan overcame poverty, segregation, and sexism in order to
5 break barriers for African American women not only in Kentucky, but across the nation;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Alice Dunnigan served as Washington Bureau Chief of the Associated
8 Negro Press from 1947 to 1961, publishing stories in over 110 African American
9 newspapers across the country and informing people of the ways in which government
10 decisions impacted their lives; and

11 WHEREAS, Alice Dunnigan became the first African American woman to cover
12 the White House, Congress, State Department, and Supreme Court; and

13 WHEREAS, Alice Dunnigan was one of only three African Americans and one of
14 two women in the press corps that covered President Harry S. Truman's 1948 presidential
15 campaign; and

16 WHEREAS, Alice Dunnigan's commitment to truth, honest, and equality served as
17 the basis for her employment as an education consultant to the President's Committee on
18 Equal Employment Opportunity in the John F. Kennedy Administration; and

19 WHEREAS, in that capacity, Alice Dunnigan fought to ensure that all Americans
20 had equal employment rights regardless of age, race, or sex; and

21 WHEREAS, Alice Dunnigan died on May 6, 1983, and this body honors a
22 Kentuckian of the first order on this day; and

23 WHEREAS, in so doing, the body acknowledges Alice Dunnigan's profound
24 contributions to the field of journalism and to the African American community;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

26 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
27 *Kentucky:*

1 ➔Section 1. The Senate hereby honors Alice Dunnigan and pays rightful tribute to
2 her career in journalism and to the trail she blazed as one of this country's first female
3 African American reporters.

4 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Alice
5 Dunnigan.

6 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
7 Resolution to Senator Whitney Westerfield.