

1 A RESOLUTION honoring the V.L. and Tennie Harless family for their
2 contributions to Martin County and to the United States of America.

3 WHEREAS, Van Lemual "V.L." Harless and Mary Belle "Tennie" Wolfe were
4 married in 1915. Both demonstrated exceptional moral values and patriotism, and they
5 instilled these values into their 12 children; and

6 WHEREAS, V.L. and Tennie Harless had nine sons who proudly wore the four
7 different uniforms of the United States military branches with honor and dignity, doing
8 their part to ensure a future of freedom for all Americans. The five oldest Harless sons
9 left to serve during World War II. Clarence Harless joined the Army and served in
10 France, Belgium, and Germany. Dewey Dean Harless joined the Army's 112th Cavalry
11 and served in New Guinea. Wheatley Harless joined the Navy and served aboard the USS
12 Edward H. Allen on the Atlantic Ocean. Frank Harless also joined the Navy, serving in
13 the Atlantic on the Sea Tender; and

14 WHEREAS, tragically, of these five who served in World War II, only four
15 survived. Dewey Dean Harless made the ultimate sacrifice, losing his life while serving in
16 New Guinea in 1944; and

17 WHEREAS, after World War II ended, the four younger Harless sons followed their
18 brothers into military service. Leo Harless joined the Army in 1948, serving in Japan
19 when the Korean War began. Leo was among the first group to enter Korea and served
20 two terms in that war. He also served in Germany and retired from the military after
21 serving more than 20 years. Shirley Harless joined the Air Force during 1950 and served
22 during the Korean War in the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing Squad. George Harless joined
23 the Army in 1958 and served in Germany. Robert Harless became a battle-ready Marine,
24 joining in 1956 and serving in the Fleet Marine Corps in Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, the Harless sisters contributed to the future as well. Serving in the
26 educational system, they prepared young minds to be better equipped for the future; and

27 WHEREAS, Myrtle Harless Preece became a teacher with over 29 years of service,

1 including teaching six years at an Air Force Base in Columbus. Lunda Harless Moore
2 also became a teacher, teaching 31 years;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and eternal
7 gratitude to the Harless family for their sacrifice and unwavering commitment to the
8 citizens of Kentucky and to the United States of America.

9 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
10 Resolution to Senator Phillip Wheeler for delivery to the family.