

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Edsel Welch on the occasion of his 100th birthday.

2 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch, a native son of the Commonwealth and resident of
3 McKee, Kentucky, will celebrate his 100th birthday on April 14, 2024; and

4 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch left school after the eighth grade to help his family on
5 their farm, and went on to serve his country with great valor as a member of the United
6 States Army in World War II, returning safely home in 1946; and

7 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch is happily married to his wife of 78 years, Mae Cox
8 Welch, and lives with her in the home he built in 1969; and

9 WHEREAS, Edsel and Mae Welch raised nine daughters and are also blessed with
10 21 grandchildren, 34 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch is a former employee of the Peoples Rural Telephone
12 Cooperative who retired after many years of dedicated service; and

13 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch is a longtime tobacco farmer who also raised a garden
14 and livestock to feed his family; and

15 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch is a faithful member of Macedonia Holiness Church,
16 where he has served as a deacon, and is also an active member of the local Disabled
17 American Veterans chapter; and

18 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch is an avid outdoorsman who enjoys hunting for rabbits
19 and squirrels, fishing, camping, and traveling with his family; and

20 WHEREAS, in 2012, Edsel Welch took part in an Honor Flight for veterans of
21 World War II, visiting the WWII Memorial in Washington, D.C., with other veterans and
22 various state leaders; and

23 WHEREAS, Edsel Welch says his greatest accomplishments in life are his children
24 and his service to God and his country;

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 does hereby celebrate and honor Edsel Welch on the
2 occasion of his 100th birthday.

3 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in celebration of Edsel
4 Welch.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this
6 Resolution to the office of Senator Robert Stivers for delivery.