

1 A RESOLUTION honoring Zachary Parsons for heroism.

2 WHEREAS, Zachary Parsons is a Grayson, Kentucky native and graduate of East
3 Carter High School in Carter County; and

4 WHEREAS, Zachary Parsons is a proud member of the United States Marine
5 Corps; and

6 WHEREAS, Zachary Parsons furthermore serves with the world-renowned United
7 States Navy Blue Angels flight demonstration team, which is composed of both Navy and
8 Marine Corps servicemembers; and

9 WHEREAS, on May 26, 2019, while spending a day at Memorial Park Beach in
10 Pine Knoll Shores with his wife, Zachary Parsons heard a father call for help from the
11 ocean as the man was attempting to rescue his three children from the high surf and rip
12 current several hundred feet away from the beach; and

13 WHEREAS, Zachary Parsons immediately directed his wife to call for emergency
14 services and made his way into the ocean to help; and

15 WHEREAS, with the assistance of a bystander, Zachary Parsons began shuttling
16 the children back to the safety of the shore and into the care of emergency service
17 providers; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2021, Zachary Parsons was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps
19 Medal for his actions, which directly resulted in the saving of the three children's lives;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, the Navy and Marine Corps Medal is the highest award not involving
22 conflict with the enemy which is awarded to Navy or Marine servicemembers who
23 distinguish themselves by an act of heroism which clearly endangers their own lives; and

24 WHEREAS, Zachary Parsons's courage, bold initiative, and devotion to duty were
25 in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces, and in
26 particular, the United States Marine Corps;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

1 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
2 *Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. With exceptional pride, the Senate does hereby honor Zachary
4 Parsons on the occasion of his being awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal for his
5 actions in saving the lives of three youths at his own peril and furthermore holds forth his
6 fine example of selflessness, courage, and initiative as worthy for all Kentuckians to
7 emulate.

8 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor of Zachary
9 Parsons.

10 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
11 Resolution for presentation to Zachary Parsons.