

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Colonel
2 (Retired) Arthur L. Kelly.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel (Retired) Arthur Kelly was born on August 7, 1925, to the late
4 Louis and Mary Arthur Cecil Kelly; and

5 WHEREAS, Colonel Arthur Kelly was a devoted member of the Holy Spirit
6 Catholic Church, in Bowling Green, Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, Colonel Arthur Kelly was a United States veteran of World War II, the
8 Korean War, and the Vietnam War. During World War II, he served in the enlisted ranks
9 in the United States Army Corps of Engineers in the Philippines while his unit prepared
10 for the invasion of Japan. While in Korea in 1952, then Lieutenant Kelly served as an
11 Artillery Forward Observer and Battery Executive Officer. In July 1966, after his
12 graduation from the United States Marine Corps Command and Staff College, he joined
13 the Army's 1st Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) in An Khe, Vietnam, and took command
14 of the 1st Battalion, 77th Field Artillery Regiment. Colonel Kelly retired from active
15 military service in 1976; and

16 WHEREAS, after retirement, Colonel Arthur Kelly interviewed World War II
17 veterans to write his book, "BattleFire! Combat Stories from World War II," in hopes to
18 educate the public and future generations about the horrors of war; and

19 WHEREAS, Colonel Arthur Kelly was a highly decorated veteran with three
20 Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and numerous other decorations. He also earned an
21 honorary degree from Morehead State University; and

22 WHEREAS, Colonel Arthur Kelly was preceded in death by his first wife, Ollie
23 Lee Hays Kelly; daughter, Sara; two sisters, Mary Jane Barber and Patricia Barber; and
24 two brothers, John W. Kelly and Francis Rucker Kelly; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Arthur Kelly is survived by his wife, Jane Phillips Kelly; two
26 sons, Arthur Daniel (Darlene) Kelly and Steven Hays Kelly; three daughters, Sue Anne
27 (James) Ballard, Deborah Jane (Andy) Hissam, and Krista Lee (Ron) Thompson; two

1 step-daughters, Sally Ray (Roger) Vincent and Susan Ray (John) Dickinson; twelve
2 grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; nineteen great grandchildren; one step-great
3 grandchild; and two sisters, Elizabeth (Bo) Cline and Rita Boone; and

4 WHEREAS, Arthur loved his family as they loved him and enjoyed the company of
5 friends. He never held a grudge and did not complain. He accepted God's will in all
6 things, even to the very end;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

8 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
9 *Kentucky:*

10 ➔Section 1. The Senate does hereby express its most profound sympathy upon
11 the passing of Colonel (Retired) Arthur L. Kelly, and extends heartfelt condolences to his
12 family in this time of loss.

13 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
14 memory of Colonel (Retired) Arthur L. Kelly.

15 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
16 Resolution to Senator Jimmy Higdon for delivery to the family.