

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing Kentucky's native daughter, United States Navy
2 Commander Billie J. Farrell, for her extensive service and congratulating her on
3 becoming the 77th Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Constitution.

4 WHEREAS, on January 21, 2022, United States Navy Commander Billie J. Farrell
5 became the 77th Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Constitution in Boston,
6 Massachusetts; and

7 WHEREAS, Commander Billie J. Farrell is the first woman to hold the position of
8 Commanding Officer of the U.S.S. Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned
9 warship still afloat; and

10 WHEREAS, the Secretary of the Navy, Carlos Del Toro, said, "Commander Farrell
11 is the perfect leader to take command of this historic ship at this historic time"; and

12 WHEREAS, the President of the Naval War College, Rear Admiral Shoshana
13 Chatfield, stated, "In our modern Navy, women have already commanded at all levels, but
14 not this ship, the public's most accessible commissioned vessel, America's heritage. I can
15 only hope that a new generation of people are inspired by seeing a woman as the captain
16 of our ship of state, recognizing that for them too, there is no limit to what they can
17 accomplish"; and

18 WHEREAS, Commander Billie J. Farrell was born and raised in Kentucky,
19 graduated from the United States Naval Academy with a Bachelor of Science in Political
20 Science, and earned a Master of Science in Operations Management from the University
21 of Arkansas; and

22 WHEREAS, Commander Billie J. Farrell served onboard the U.S.S. Vella Gulf as
23 Electrical Officer and Navigator, and onboard the U.S.S. San Jacinto as Weapons Officer
24 and Combat Systems Officer; and

25 WHEREAS, Commander Billie J. Farrell served as an Action Officer, Delay
26 Section Head, and Assistant Board Screener at Navy Personnel Command in Millington,
27 Tennessee, and served as the Deputy Director for Professional Development at the United

1 States Naval Academy; and

2 WHEREAS, Commander Billie J. Farrell has earned three Meritorious Service
3 Medals, four Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medals, and three Meritorious Unit
4 Commendation Medals during her distinguished career in the United States Navy; and

5 WHEREAS, the people of the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the members of this
6 body express their profound gratitude to Commander Billie J. Farrell for her service to
7 our country;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

9 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the*
10 *Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

11 ➔Section 1. The members of the House of Representatives, individually and
12 collectively, hereby recognize and honor Kentucky's native daughter, United States Navy
13 Commander Billie J. Farrell, for her extensive service to the United States of America
14 and congratulate her on becoming the 77th Commanding Officer of the U.S.S.
15 Constitution.

16 ➔Section 2. The members of the House of Representatives express the utmost
17 admiration for Commander Billie J. Farrell's distinguished record of service in the United
18 States Navy.

19 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
20 copy of this Resolution to Representative Steven Rudy for delivery.