

1 A RESOLUTION adjourning the Senate in honor and loving memory of Edward A.
2 Farris.

3 WHEREAS, Edward Farris was born in Adair County on December 19, 1920, the
4 son of the late Johnnie and Mollie Bennett Farris; and

5 WHEREAS, Edward Farris was a proud veteran of World War II, serving as a
6 Sergeant in General Patton's Third Army; and

7 WHEREAS, Edward Farris went on to serve a long and exemplary career in
8 Kentucky politics, working as a close advisor and de facto chief of staff to Governors
9 Earle C. Clements and Lawrence W. Wetherby. He also served as Alcoholic Beverage
10 Commissioner for Governors Julian Carroll, John Y. Brown Jr., and Martha Layne
11 Collins, and was lauded as a brilliant public servant and a skilled political operative who
12 was pivotal in such historic pieces legislation as those supporting integration in the
13 Commonwealth after the *Brown vs. Board of Education decision* and establishing the
14 state parks system; and

15 WHEREAS, Edward A. Farris departed this earthly life on March 4, 2017, leaving
16 his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched in solemn mourning; and

17 WHEREAS, Edward Farris was preceded in death by his parents; son and daughter-
18 in-law, Mark Allen and Barbara Farris; three siblings; brother-in-law, Marcus Jones; and
19 two great-grandchildren. He is survived by his children, Linda Beasley and her husband,
20 Robert, Larry Farris and his wife, Natalie, and Cathy McGaughey and her husband,
21 Charles; sister, Jessie Jones; eight grandchildren; one step-grandchild; eighteen great-
22 grandchildren; and a host of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will
23 dearly miss his presence in their lives;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
26 ***Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate hereby express their most heartfelt

1 sympathy upon the passing of Edward A. Farris, and posthumously thank him for his
2 profound service to this nation and to the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

3 ➔Section 2. When the Senate adjourns this day, it does so in honor and loving
4 memory of Edward A. Farris.

5 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
6 Resolution to Senator Julian M. Carroll for delivery to the family.