



GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

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HOUSE BILL NO. 200

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The following bill was reported to the Senate from the House and ordered to be printed.

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1 AN ACT relating to the commemoration of Kentucky Medal of Honor recipients.

2 WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor, unofficially known as the "Congressional Medal
3 of Honor," is America's highest military award for valor in combat; and

4 WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is typically awarded by the President of the United
5 States, in the name of Congress, to recipients from the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air
6 Force, and Coast Guard; and

7 WHEREAS, the Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the United States of
8 America serves as the keeper of the history of the Medal of Honor; and

9 WHEREAS, a Medal of Honor is accredited to the state in which the recipient
10 enlisted in the military; and

11 WHEREAS, according to the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, fewer than
12 3,500 Medals of Honor have been awarded since the award's creation in 1861; and

13 WHEREAS, two Congressional Medal of Honor recipients are currently living in
14 Kentucky: Ernest West and Don Jenkins; and

15 WHEREAS, to honor the Kentucky Congressional Medal of Honor recipients, the
16 Kentucky Department of Veterans' Affairs is urged to offer all recipients, including those
17 who are less than 70 percent service-connected disabled, admission to Kentucky state
18 veterans' nursing homes at no cost;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

20 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

21 →SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 42 IS CREATED TO
22 READ AS FOLLOWS:

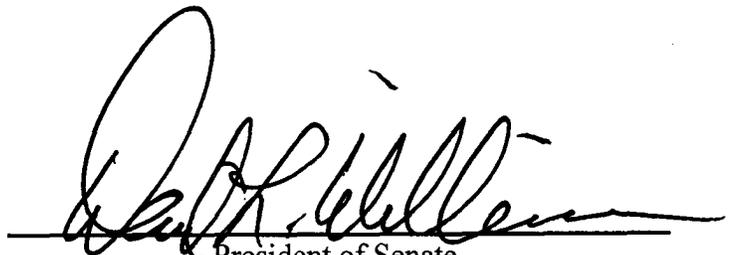
23 (1) To honor those who have been awarded a Congressional Medal of Honor, the
24 United States' highest military award for valor in combat, the Department for
25 Facilities and Support Services shall create a plaque to contain the names of
26 each Kentucky Congressional Medal of Honor recipient.

27 (2) The Department for Facilities and Support Services shall be responsible for

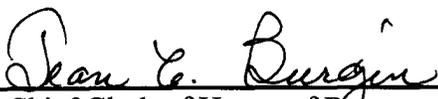
1 selecting a location on the first floor of the New State Capitol for the plaque
2 required by subsection (1) of this section. The Department for Facilities and
3 Support Services shall also be responsible for the design, installation, and routine
4 maintenance of the plaque. The plaque shall be updated by the Department for
5 Facilities and Support Services within six (6) months of a Congressional Medal
6 of Honor nomination and approval accredited to the Commonwealth of
7 Kentucky.



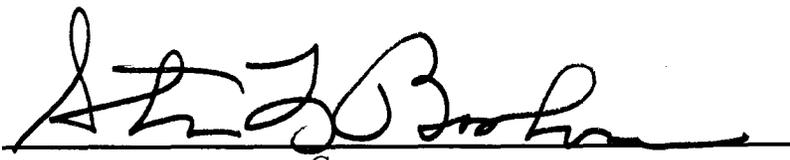
Speaker-House of Representatives



President of Senate

Attest: 

Chief Clerk of House of Representatives

Approved 

Governor

Date March 9, 2011