

CHAPTER 110 (HJR 15)

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to name the bridge currently under construction connecting US 25E and US 119 over the Cumberland River in honor of Joan Asher Cawood.

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood, who was born on November 20, 1934, in Bell County, Kentucky, is the fourth generation of the Asher family to serve the people of Bell County, Eastern Kentucky, and the entire Commonwealth through public service both as elected officials and in appointed posts; and

WHEREAS, the Asher family name has become synonymous with development through the family's efforts in establishing the first railroad from Pikeville to Harlan and the building of roads and bridges that helped open up an isolated region; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood's great-grandfather, Thomas Jefferson Asher, whose work in the coal and railroad industries helped provide jobs and foster development in Eastern Kentucky, was elected in 1913 by the citizens of Bell County to the office of County Judge and served without accepting a salary; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood's grandfather, Hugh Howard Asher, served as State Highway Commissioner in the 1920's and later served as the Chairman of the Republican Party in Bell County; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood's father, Thomas Edward Asher, was elected to serve as both Magistrate and Jailer in Bell County, served as Chief U.S. Marshal for the Eastern District of Kentucky from 1969 until his retirement in 1977, served as Republican Party Chairman, and was named to the Republican Hall of Fame in the 5th Congressional District for his extraordinary public service; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood's contribution to her family's long history of public service began with her election as Bell County Clerk in 1977; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood continues her uninterrupted service to the people of Bell County as County Clerk to this day; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood, in the most recent election of 1998, was elected by the largest margin in a county election in the history of Bell County; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood is a devoted and loving mother of three fine sons: Paul C. Cawood, Jr., William E. Cawood, and Howard A. Cawood; and

WHEREAS, Joan Asher Cawood has also been an active force in the civic and community life of Bell County through her involvement in the First Presbyterian Church, the Business and Professional Women's Club, and the Republican Women's Organization, among other organizations; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments and service of Joan Asher Cawood and the entire Asher family deserve lasting recognition;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to name the bridge currently under construction connecting US 25E and US 119 over the Cumberland River the "Joan Asher Cawood Bridge".

Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall immediately begin preparing the appropriate highway signs naming the "Joan Asher Cawood Bridge" to facilitate their erection upon completion of the bridge.

Section 3. A copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet and to the District Highway Engineer in Manchester, Kentucky.

Approved March 14, 2000

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