

CHAPTER 111 (HJR 39)

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to name various roads and bridges in Floyd County in accordance with KRS 177.074.

WHEREAS, the Civil War was a defining moment in this great nation's history, a time when the very fate of the Union hung in the balance; and

WHEREAS, a strategic Civil War battle occurred on January 10, 1862, at Middle Creek in Floyd County, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Battle of Middle Creek was the largest single Civil War battle in Eastern Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the Confederate Forces in the Battle of Middle Creek were bravely led by Brigadier General Humphrey Marshall; and

WHEREAS, the Union Forces in the Battle of Middle Creek were led by Colonel James A. Garfield, who would later become the 20th President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Middle Creek Battlefield was named a National Historic Landmark by the United States Department of the Interior, National Park Service in October, 1992; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we remember this battle and the heroic men who fought in it;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. That the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name Kentucky Route 114 in Floyd County the "Middle Creek National Battlefield Parkway."

Section 2. That the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name Kentucky Route 404 in Floyd County the "Floyd County Civil War Highway."

Section 3. That the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name the bridge on Kentucky Route 404 over the Right Fork of Middle Creek in Floyd County the "Brigadier General Humphrey Marshall Bridge."

Section 4. That the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name the bridge on Kentucky Route 114 over Middle Creek at Kentucky Route 122 in Floyd County the "Colonel James A. Garfield Bridge."

Section 5. That the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name the bridge on Kentucky Route 114 over the CSX Railway at Kentucky Route 2555 in Floyd County the "Middle Creek National Battlefield Bridge."

Section 6. That the Transportation Cabinet shall immediately begin preparing the appropriate highway "brown" signs naming the routes described in Sections 1 to 5 of this Resolution to facilitate and coordinate their placement and erection with the Middle Creek Battlefield Foundation, Inc. upon the effective date of this Resolution.

Section 7. That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet and to the District Highway Engineer in Pikeville, Kentucky.

Approved March 14, 2000

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