

**CHAPTER 316 (HJR 128)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION naming the "Robert L. Draper Way" in Muhlenberg County.

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper was born on June 28, 1919, in Drakesboro, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the son of Clyde and Julia Draper, Robert L. Draper was the oldest of three children who lived his earliest years in several coal camps in west Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, active in civic affairs as a young man, Robert L. Draper joined a youth program at the age of fifteen under the New Deal, serving during the depression in Idaho and generously sending \$25 of his \$30 monthly salary home to his parents in Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper followed in his father's footsteps as a coal miner at the age of sixteen to help make ends meet during the depression; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 1940, Robert L. Draper married his beloved Pauline Hocker before relocating to Chicago seeking employment to support his wife and new son, Larry; and

WHEREAS, a gallant veteran of the battle of Iwo Jima, Robert L. Draper participated in some of the most fierce fighting of World War II as a member of the United States Marine Corps, tenaciously holding ground for American troops during the entire thirty-three day campaign for the island; and

WHEREAS, upon returning to civilian life following World War II, Robert L. Draper moved his family back to the Commonwealth where he worked for fifteen years in the west Kentucky coal mines; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper left the coal fields to work at Green River Steel in Owensboro before starting an auto salvage yard that he helped operate for over a decade; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper was elected to one term as sheriff in 1969, before the citizens of Muhlenberg County selected him in 1973 to champion their causes as County Judge/Executive; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper retired as County Judge/Executive in 1989 but was called out of retirement in 1992 to fill a vacancy in the office; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper was the people's choice to continue to serve out the term as County Judge/Executive; and

WHEREAS, while serving as County Judge/Executive Robert L. Draper dedicated his tenure to providing access to the county water system for as many citizens of Muhlenberg County as possible; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper also diligently worked as County Judge/Executive to provide good roads to all areas of Muhlenberg County; and

WHEREAS, Robert L. Draper will forever be remembered and beloved as Muhlenberg County Judge/Executive for his honesty, integrity, sincerity, and prudent stewardship of the peoples' tax dollars;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to name Kentucky Route 189 in Muhlenberg County from United States Route 62 west to north of the City of Greenville ending at the intersection of Airport Road and Spartan Way the "Robert L. Draper Way."

Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within thirty days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect signs at the junction of Kentucky Route 189 and United States Route 62, and at the junction of Kentucky Route 189 with the intersection of Airport Road and Spartan Way that read the "Robert L. Draper Way."

**Approved April 4, 2000**

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