

CHAPTER 29**(HJR 9)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION naming a bridge in memory of Peyton Hoge III.

WHEREAS, born in Pewee Valley on April 17, 1914, Peyton Harrison Hoge III rested from his journeys on September 14, 2001, at the young age of 87; and

WHEREAS, descended from a line of Virginia military men and 16 generations of Presbyterian ministers, Peyton Hoge III was a gifted college scholar and athlete, graduating from the University of Virginia with a Bachelor's degree in English and a Master's degree in Economics; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III married his cherished life companion Elizabeth Harris Hoge two weeks after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in 1941 before shipping off to proudly serve his country in the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II; and

WHEREAS, upon returning from the war Peyton Hoge III became a successful advertising executive with Brown-Forman before entering the realm of politics; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III served as a member of the Anchorage City Council from 1963 until 1969 when he was elected Mayor of the small suburban city in eastern Jefferson County; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III was the longest-serving elected official in Jefferson County, having served as Mayor of the City of Anchorage continuously from 1969 until his death in September; and

WHEREAS, a champion of the rights of small cities, Peyton Hoge's legacy is one of a strong preservationist who fought to limit commercial development and protect open land and trees for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III was a former President of the Kentucky League of Cities, where he had served on the Board of Directors since 1963; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III helped found the City of Anchorage's Civic Club and Volunteer Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III helped raise money to equip Anchorage's first ambulance and he started the city's newsletter the Anchor Age; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III was a dedicated public servant who served two terms as Chairman of the Kentucky-Indiana Regional Planning and Development Agency (KIPDA), and who also served as Chair of KIPDA's Metropolitan Transportation Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Peyton Hoge III began serving as a Director and President of the Kentucky Society to Prevent Blindness in 1962; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his other civic and community activities, Peyton Hoge III was a Director of the Kentucky Opera Association; and

WHEREAS, of all his professional and political accomplishments, the proudest and most important facet of Peyton Hoge's life was his family -- he devoted his life to his beloved wife Elizabeth, sons George and Peyton IV, daughters Elizabeth Hageman, Blanche Pedigo, and Margaret Gerhart, eleven grandchildren, and his sister Mrs. Kennedy Helm Jr.;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The members of the General Assembly, both individually and collectively, proclaim Peyton Hoge III to have been an outstanding citizen and exemplary representative of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. In honor and memory of Peyton Hoge's immeasurable contributions as a public servant, the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name Bridge Number B00444 on Kentucky Route 1747, Hurstbourne Parkway, in Jefferson County the "Peyton Hoge III Memorial Bridge."

Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within thirty days of the effective date of this resolution, erect signs to each approach of Bridge Number B00444 on Kentucky Route 1747, Hurstbourne Parkway, in Jefferson County that read "Peyton Hoge III Memorial Bridge."

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