

CHAPTER 30**(HJR 3)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION honoring PGA Tour professional and Pikeville native Robert Damron.

WHEREAS, Robert Damron was born on October 27, 1972, in Pikeville, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron spent much time during his formative years in Orlando, Florida at the legendary Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club, where a friendship with "the King" was formed and Damron gained a mentor to guide him with priceless advice on the game of golf; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron dominated Kentucky's junior golf circuit and went on to a successful golf career at the University of Central Florida; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron turned professional in 1994 and joined the PGA tour in 1997, finishing 53rd on the money list on the strength of four top-five finishes; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron had his best season to date on the PGA Tour in 2000, earning over \$700,000 with a tie for third at the prestigious Players Championship; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron recently tasted victory for the first time on the PGA tour, winning the Byron Nelson Classic over a star-studded field that included such golfing luminaries as Tiger Woods, David Duval, and Nick Price; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron's victory makes him only the third Kentucky golfer since 1990 to win a PGA Tour event; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron's greatest victory may have come a month before his triumph on the course, when in April he married his wife Molly; and

WHEREAS, Robert Damron should be publicly recognized as an outstanding citizen of the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall erect signs on United States Route 23 at the city limits of Pikeville that read "Pikeville, Birthplace of PGA Tour Professional Robert Damron."

Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall erect the signs described in Section 1 of this Resolution within thirty (30) days of the effective date of this Resolution.

Approved March 07, 2002