

**CHAPTER 311****(HJR 92)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet and the Tourism Cabinet to study potential sites for a country music shrine on United States Route 23 near where United States Route 23 enters Kentucky in Greenup County.

WHEREAS, Kentucky's rich heritage of country music has been immortalized with the designation of United States Route 23 through the entire Commonwealth of Kentucky as the "Country Music Highway"; and

WHEREAS, sections of this road honor such luminaries as Billy Ray Cyrus, Loretta Lynn, Ricky Skaggs, Dwight Yoakam, Crystal Gayle, Hylo Brown, Patty Loveless, Gary Stewart, and the Judds; and

WHEREAS, the completion of a new U.S. Grant Bridge on United States Route 23 over the Ohio River is planned within the next two years; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky should attempt to capitalize on our history and our country music heritage by establishing some visible sign of the importance of these country music stars that would attract the attention of local citizens and tourists alike;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet and the Tourism Cabinet are directed to jointly study and recommend a location for a park, shrine, or memorial to the state's country music heritage and the stars honored by the Country Music Highway on land owned by the state adjacent to United States Route 23 near the U.S. Grant Bridge, entryway of US 23 into Kentucky from the state of Ohio. The Transportation and Tourism Cabinets shall report their findings to the Legislative Research Commission no later than October 31, 2002.

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