

CHAPTER 178**(HJR 3)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION memorializing and honoring various individuals.

The mountains are shrouded in fog -- tears from heaven over the loss of one of our native sons, Tony Turner of Hazard, Kentucky.

WHEREAS, a brilliant young life was extinguished on June 30, 2002, when Tony Turner of Hazard, Kentucky crossed that final bourne from which no traveler returns; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2002, while returning from Williamsburg, Kentucky where he had filed a live report, Tony Turner's vehicle was struck head-on; and

WHEREAS, Tony Turner struggled for three weeks before he died of injuries suffered in the crash; and

WHEREAS, a Harlan County native, Tony Turner grew up in a coal camp and began his broadcasting career at WFSR radio in Harlan; and

WHEREAS, Tony Turner served as general manager of WFSR from 1976 until 1986 when he moved from radio to television and joined the staff of WYMT-TV; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated employee, Tony Turner worked as a general assignment reporter for about a year before he was named news director and anchor of the six o'clock news program - a position he held for sixteen years; and

WHEREAS, Tony Turner was named station manager and vice-president for WYMT-TV in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Tony Turner also anchored a show for many years called "Issues and Answers...The Mountain Edition" that featured guests from all walks of life, including local mayors and former presidents; and

WHEREAS, the forty year old was a devoted husband to his wife Geraldine and the loving father of two; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his family, Tony Turner is mourned by his audience, his employees, and his countless friends;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

Section 1. The members of this body, both individually and collectively, posthumously proclaim Tony Turner to have been an outstanding citizen and exemplary representative of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to name United States Route 421 from the city of Harlan in Harlan County to the city of Hyden in Leslie County, the "Tony Turner Memorial Highway."

Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within thirty days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect signs on United States Route 421 from the city of Harlan in Harlan County to the city of Hyden in Leslie County, that read the "Tony Turner Memorial Highway."

Section 4. The Tourism Development Cabinet is directed to name the conference center at Dale Hollow State Resort Park in honor of former State Representative Ray Mullinix.

Section 5. The Tourism Development Cabinet shall, within thirty days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect a sign at the conference center at Dale Hollow State Resort Park naming it the "Ray Mullinix Conference Center."

Approved March 31, 2003