

CHAPTER 108**(HJR 29)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the "Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett Memorial Bridge" in Greenup County and declaring an emergency.

WHEREAS, Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett was born June 4, 1985, in Ashland, Kentucky, and he traversed these earthly bounds May 7, 2008; and

WHEREAS, Jeremy R. Gullett was the loving son of Harold Raymond and Cheryl Dillow Gullett; he was the loving husband of Janeth Ygana Gullett; he was the caring father of two daughters, Katie Gullett and Kaye Ygana; he was the doting brother of Chester (Brandy) Gullett, and Jennipher (Jeff) Kouns; he was the nephew of Ron Gullett; he was the son-in-law of Mario Lucanas and Elvira Ebero Ygana; he was the grandson of a maternal grandmother, Diane Dillow, and a paternal grandmother, Vonda Boyle Gullett; he also leaves behind a nephew, Corbin Kouns; two nieces, Hailey Gullett, and Chae Kouns; and many other family members who loved him dearly; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett graduated from Greenup County High School in 2003 where he enrolled in the school's Junior ROTC program; and he was a member of the Little Sandy Volunteer Fire Department and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett enlisted in the United States Army in June 2004; he was assigned to the 4th Battalion, 320th Field Artillery Regiment, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell; he was previously stationed in Korea for 2 1/2 years; and he deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in March 2008; and

WHEREAS, the life of Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett ended prematurely from injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle during combat operations in Sabari District, Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett gallantly served his country with honor and distinction; he was remembered as "a good soldier and, more importantly...a great person" by his former unit commander, he was also remembered as a "good kid" by his former Junior ROTC instructor; he was laid to rest with full military and firefighter honors; and his awards and decorations include the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korea Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Driver and Mechanic badge with Driver (wheeled and tracked vehicles), and Weapons Qualifications, M4 expert; and

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the highest respect for Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett and is deeply grateful for the sacrifice he made for the freedom of all Americans and to ensure the freedom of the Afghan people; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett has left a void that cannot be filled, and he is mourned across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth;

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, do hereby express their profound sense of sorrow upon the passing of Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett and extend to his family and many friends their most heartfelt sympathy.

➔Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall, on June 4, 2009, designate bridge number B00057, located on Kentucky Route 2 over the Little Sandy River in Greenup County at milepoint 13.203, as the "Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett Memorial Bridge" and shall erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 3. Whereas, the designation date cited in Section 2 of this Joint Resolution falls prior to the ordinary effective date for legislation from this session, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Joint Resolution takes effect on June 4, 2009.

➔Section 4. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is hereby directed to transmit a copy of this Joint Resolution to the parents of Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett, Harold Raymond and Cheryl Dillow Gullett, 193 Christian Lane, Greenup, Kentucky 41144; and to the wife of Specialist Jeremy R. Gullett, Janeth Ygana Gullett, 193 Christian Lane, Greenup, Kentucky 41144.

Signed by the Governor March 27, 2009.