

CHAPTER 144**(HJR 7)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating honorary names for various roads and bridges and directing the placement of honorary roadside signs.

WHEREAS, Jason Ellis, son of Pamela Sue Dearwester and the late Charles D. Ellis, was a native of Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ellis was a 1998 graduate of Glen Este High School in Cincinnati, where he was a standout baseball player, earning first team all-city honors in 1998, and being named Player of the Year in the Queen City Conference; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ellis played baseball at the University of the Cumberland and in the Cincinnati Reds minor league system for the Billings, Montana Mustangs; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ellis was a K-9 officer with the Bardstown Police Department and a member of the N.N.D.D.A. K-9 Association, the Fraternal Order of Police No. 43, and the Special Response Team; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ellis was married to his beloved wife, Amy Phillips Ellis, with whom he had two cherished sons, Hunter Ellis and Parker Ellis; and

WHEREAS, Jason Ellis was deeply involved in his community, serving as a Little League coach; and

WHEREAS, on May 25, 2013, Officer Jason Ellis, this esteemed citizen, this servant and protector of the people, was killed in the line of duty in a brutal and senseless ambush that sent shock waves of grief and loss throughout the Bardstown community and the entire Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, remembrances of the life and service of Jason Ellis were best summed up by Bardstown Police Chief Rick McCubbin, who said, "He certainly loved this. He loved being a police officer. He gave 100 percent, not only in his job, but in life. He didn't take short cuts. He did it right."; and

WHEREAS, perhaps the most compelling testimonial came from the woman that showed up at the Bardstown police station to pay her respects, a woman whose husband Officer Ellis had arrested on a theft charge, who said, "He was very nice, smiling the whole time, playing with my dogs. He seemed very concerned about my husband's medical issues. It was like you welcomed your neighbor into the house. It wasn't like he was there to arrest somebody. I was just very impressed with him."; and

WHEREAS, the passing of Officer Jason Ellis has left a void which cannot be filled, and he is mourned, not only in Bardstown, but across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth, by his family, friends, and the citizens he helped keep safe; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the service and sacrifice of Officer Jason Ellis be memorialized in some tangible way, even though it is impossible to truly represent what he meant to his community; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has seen fit to honor various Kentuckians by naming portions of state highways and erecting commemorative roadway signs in their honor; and

WHEREAS, these Kentuckians have come from all walks of life, held a multitude of jobs, and had a variety of accomplishments that made them deserving of the honor; and

WHEREAS, these individuals have included former Governors, former members of the General Assembly, decorated veterans, slain law enforcement officers, local elected officials, astronauts, doctors, educators, distinguished athletes, and civic leaders; and

WHEREAS, every citizen of the Commonwealth owes a great debt of gratitude to the patriotic men and women killed and wounded in service to their country in times of great need; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly has often honored the veterans of this state by naming portions of several roads, from interstates to small two-lane country roads, in their honor; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly again sees fit to honor a group of individuals who have made the lives of their fellow Kentuckians better and brought honor and respect to the Commonwealth;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

→Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of the Martha Layne Collins Bluegrass Parkway in Nelson County from the United States Route 31E underpass (Mile Point 20.459) to the Kentucky Route 55 underpass (Mile Point 33.301) as the "Officer Jason Ellis Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge at the intersection of Kentucky Route 15 and Kentucky Route 1231 in Knott County the "Robert R. Thornsberry Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of the William Natcher Parkway in Butler and Ohio Counties as the "Medal of Honor Recipient Trail," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 4. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 2113 in Woodford County the "Police Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 5. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate old United States Highway 60 at the Tennessee River Bridge (mile point 0.914) to mile point 3.852 on United States Highway 60 in Livingston County as the "Deputy Roger Lynch Memorial Highway." The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 6. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Zachary Dixon by erecting signs on United States Highway 25E at the Knox County/Laurel County line and at the Knox County/Bell County line that read, "Home of the 2013 4-H Barrel Racing Champion, Zachary Dixon." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

→Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 476 in Breathitt County, from mile point 0 to mile point 11.3, as the "Robinson Forest Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 8. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Kelsay Rae Collins by erecting signs on both entrances into Wayne County on Kentucky Route 90, that read "Welcome to Wayne County Home of Kelsay Rae Collins 2013 Jr. Petite Miss Kentucky." The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect signs along the locations specified in this section that read "Welcome to Wayne County Home of Kelsay Rae Collins 2013 Jr. Petite Miss Kentucky." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

→Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 150 in Lincoln County, within the city limits of the city of Stanford, as the "Lincoln County Veterans Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new connector route from Kentucky Route 220 to Kentucky Route 313 in Hardin County as the "Specialist Nathaniel D. Garvin Memorial Highway," and shall, upon completion of construction of the highway, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 11. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 1016 from its intersection with United States Highway 25 to its intersection with United States Highway 421 as the "Sheriff Jerry Combs Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 12. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 44 East, from mile point 19 to mile point 22, as the "Representative Mary Harper Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 13. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United States Route 60 that runs from Mount Sterling to Interstate 64 at Exit 101 as the "Staff Sgt. Garth Sizemore Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 14. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Bethanie Brogli Opell by erecting a sign on Kentucky Route 2054 in Jefferson County near Carter Elementary that reads, "Bethanie Brogli Opell Kentucky School Psychologist of the Year." The Transportation Cabinet is also hereby directed to honor Penny Mills by erecting a sign on Kentucky Route 1065 in Jefferson County near Frost Middle School that reads, "Penny Mills

Kentucky School Psychologist of the Year." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

→Section 15. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 213 in Powell County, from its intersection with Kentucky Route 15 to the Powell County/Montgomery County line, as the "PO2 Albert Martin Memorial Highway WWII Hero," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 16. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 2346 in Montgomery County as the "Pearl Harbor Survivor SSG John C. Toy Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 17. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the 11-12 year old Knox County Little League baseball state champions by erecting signs on United States Highway 25E, north and south of the Barbourville City limits in Knox County Kentucky, that read, "Home of the 2013 11-12 year old Little League Baseball State Champions." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

→Section 18. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 158 in Fleming County, one mile west from Markwell Road, as the "PFC Stanley C. Jackson Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 19. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Joshua Shaun Osborne by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23 in Pike County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 20. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to ensure that the signs erected pursuant to 1992 Ky. Acts ch. 372, sec. 3 designating a portion of Kentucky Route 461 in Rockcastle County as the "David M. Smith Highway," denote that this individual was a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

→Section 21. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge over the Big Sandy River close to the intersection of Kentucky Route 321 and Kentucky Route 1107 in Johnson County as the "Vice Admiral Frank Hoblitzell Price, Jr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 22. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 40 over Arnett's Creek below the Paintsville Lake in Johnson County as the "Sgt. James LeMaster Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 23. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky 1440 in Perry County as the "PFC Charles L. Hicks Memorial Drive," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 24. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 3459 at the end of the floodwall in Harlan County as the "Former State Representative Henry J. Giles Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 25. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky Route 215 in Harlan County from mile point 5.636 to the end of the road as the "Ott Wynn Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 26. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 699 in Leslie County, 5 miles up, as the "Larkin Lewis Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 27. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 80, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 699 in Leslie County, as the "SFC Frank Cornett Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 28. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the Bridge on Kentucky Route 680 in Floyd County, south of the Elisha Branham Bridge, as the "Carl Akers Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 29. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate a portion of United States Highway 41 between Exit 79 and Exit 81 in Henderson County as the "Medal of Honor Recipients: SFC Littrell/PFC Skaggs

Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 30. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Perry County Central High School girls' basketball coach Randy Napier by erecting signs in Perry County on Kentucky Route 15 at the Breathitt County/Perry County line, Kentucky Route 15 at the Knott County/Perry County line, Kentucky Route 80 at the Knott County/Perry County line, and Kentucky Route 80 at the Leslie County/Perry County line that read "Home of Randy Napier All-Time Winningest Girls' Basketball Coach in State History." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

→Section 31. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge located in Floyd County on Kentucky Route 680, mile point 13.6, Bridge Number B000147N, as the "Leo Roberts Korean War Veteran Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 32. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United States Route 127 that runs through the city of Hustonville, in Lincoln County, the "Eugene Hafley Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 33. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 417 in Green County as the "Ryan J. Montgomery Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 34. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the memory and sacrifices of Colonel Vermont Garrison by permanently erecting a sign along Kentucky Route 192 in Pulaski County that denotes Mount Victory as, "The Birthplace of Colonel Vermont Garrison, Triple ACE Fighter Pilot." The sign shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.

→Section 35. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Jason Carter by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Highway on United States Route 23 in Greenup County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 36. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate a portion of United States Highway 45 in McCracken County, from Lone Oak Baptist Church to the McCracken/Graves County line, as the "Buddy Smith Highway," and shall within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 37. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 1183 in Marion County, near its intersection with Manton Spur Road (Bridge Number 078B00059N), as the "Sister Sodelbia Hughes Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 38. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Highway 421 at Hoskinston in Leslie County as the "Effie M. Couch Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 39. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate a portion of Kentucky Highway 801 in Rowan County, from Interstate 64 to the community of Sharkey, as the "Staff Sergeant Daniel Fannin Memorial Highway," and shall within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 40. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate a portion of Kentucky Highway 169 in Jessamine County, from mile point 2.00 to mile point 7.73, as the "Representative John C. Bourne Memorial Highway," and shall within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 41. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on United States Highway 460 in Pike County near the intersection of United States Route 23 as the "Noah Branham, Sr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 42. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate a portion of Kentucky Highway 1247 in Pulaski County, from mile point 7.99 to mile point 11.75, as the "Clellan Prewitt Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 43. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Interstate 265 from mile point 11.72 to mile point 15.17 as the "Officer Franklin W. Pysher, Jr. Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 44. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 119 in Harlan County as the "1st Lt. Carl Henry Dodd Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. The Transportation Cabinet shall also erect a sign on United States Route 421 in Harlan County entering Kentucky in honor of 1st Lt. Dodd. Signs erected under this section shall denote that 1st Lt. Dodd was a recipient of the Medal of Honor.

➔Section 45. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the portion of Kentucky Highway 16 in Kenton County, within the city of Taylor Mill, as the "Joe Bishop Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 46. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the portion of United States Highway 25 in Kenton County, within the city of Fort Wright, as the "U.S. Navy Hospital Corpsmen Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 47. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky Route 1072 in Kenton County from Kentucky Route 17 to Kentucky Route 3187 as the "Sergeant Daniel Tyler Lee Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 48. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 421, one mile North and one mile South of Junction 2009 in Leslie County as the "Matt and Mary Stidham Memorial Highway." The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 49. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 2009 at its intersection with United States Highway 421 in Leslie County, as the "Pvt. Arnold Morgan Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 50. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1482 in Leslie County, from its intersection with United States Highway 421 to Hollins Fork Road, as the "Cpl. Stevie Smallwood Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 51. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 1807 in Leslie County, at its intersection with Kentucky Route 80 to the end of state maintenance, as the "Jordan Melton Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

Signed by Governor April 25, 2014.