

**CHAPTER 96****( HJR 5 )**

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

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellis was born April 22, 1982, to Kelly and Nancy West Ellis of Campbellsville; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellis, a quiet, hardworking young man who dreamed of a career in law enforcement, graduated from Taylor County High School in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Daniel Ellis then attended and graduated from Eastern Kentucky University in 2005 with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice, where he met his loving wife, the former Katie Gruenwald; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniel Ellis began working for the Richmond Police Department on August 11, 2008; and

WHEREAS, to the citizens of Richmond, Officer Daniel Ellis was the kind of police officer you want in your community: hardworking, courteous, and respectful in a job where you often interact with people on some of the worst days of their lives; and

WHEREAS, on November 4, 2015, Officer Daniel Ellis, while entering a house he was told was unoccupied in order to investigate a robbery, was cowardly ambushed and shot in the head by an occupant of the building; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniel Ellis succumbed to his wounds two days later, passing away on November 6, 2015, at the age of 33; and

WHEREAS, the tragic death of Officer Daniel Ellis has not only galvanized the Richmond community, but has struck a chord across the state and region, with over 7,000 attending his memorial service at Eastern Kentucky University, and law enforcement officers from as far away as Alabama and New York joining in the 12-mile-long procession that carried Officer Ellis the nearly 100 miles to his final resting place; and

WHEREAS, at his memorial, Officer Daniel Ellis, who had recently been promoted and was set to begin duty as a detective, was remembered by Richmond Police Chief Larry Brock, who said, "He turned out to be a great police officer. He was one of those guys that just got it and got it early...When Daniel sank his teeth into something he just wouldn't let it go. That's what he was doing last week...Our lives will never be the same again, the lives of his fellow officers and of his family will never be the same"; and

WHEREAS, in eulogizing Officer Daniel Ellis, Phillip Shumake, minister of East End Church of Christ in Lexington, relayed a story that Ellis's wife, Katie, had told him. While on duty one day, Ellis had seen a man in business clothes walking down the road carrying a tent. When asked, the man told Ellis that he had a job interview in the morning and didn't know a way to get there other than spending the night in a tent nearby. Ellis paid to get him a room, to which Shumake added, "Underneath his badge was a heart full of kindness"; and

WHEREAS, Officer Daniel Ellis was a member of the Madison County F.O.P. Lodge #47, the Kentucky Narcotics Association, the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, and the East End Church of Christ in Lexington; and

WHEREAS, other than his wife Katie and his parents, Officer Daniel Ellis is survived by his son, Luke Michael Ellis; two brothers, Jeremy (Amanda) West and Eric (Heather) Ellis; one sister, Kelli Marie (Jason) Ellis Bush; his paternal grandmother Clara Ellis Schoenberger; his mother- and father-in-law, Nancy and Greg Gruenwald; his sister-in-law Amy (Dylan) Gruenwald Holt; and several nieces and nephews; and

WHEREAS, the senseless and tragic end of Officer Daniel Ellis's life has left a void that cannot be filled, and he is mourned across the length and breadth of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, in that spirit, it is indeed fitting and appropriate that this Commonwealth offer a lasting, tangible tribute to the memory of our fallen hero, no matter how inadequate it might be; 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 United States Route 25 in Madison County, between its two intersections with the United States Route 25 Bypass, as the "Officer Daniel 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 Interstate 24 in Lyon County, from the Caldwell County line to its intersection with Kentucky Route 293, as the "Trooper Joseph Cameron Ponder Memorial Highway," 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 Kentucky Route 324 in Mason County, from its intersection with United States Highway 68 to its intersection with Kentucky Route 11, as the "Colonel Charles Young Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 4. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 60 in Breckinridge County as the "Breckinridge County Veterans Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 5. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Chris Stapleton by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23 in Johnson County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 6. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 55, south of Taylorsville over Salt River, the "C.L. Glasscock Jr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 222 from Kentucky Route 1136 to Robey Road in Hardin County as the "Firefighter Jonathan French Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 8. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 632 in Pike County as the "Sturgeon/Rice/Hayes Vietnam Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on United States Highway 119 in Letcher County at the Harlan County line as the "Gayle Lawson Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United States Route 127 from mile-point 2.535 to mile-point 5.295 the "Logann Driskell Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 11. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 60 in Daviess County, from mile-point 10 to mile-point 20, as the "Navy Airman James Van Bussum Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 12. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 2155 in Daviess County, from 3rd Street to 27th Street, as the "SP4 Charles Rates Lewis Jr. Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 13. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Route 31W over Bacon Creek within the city limits of Bonnieville (Bridge Number 050B00035N) as the "Camp Jefferson Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 14. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on Kentucky Route 30, near the intersection of Kentucky Route 3237 in Breathitt County, as the "Sergeant Willie Sandlin Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 15. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Brian Kilgore 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 Brian Kilgore 'Original Bad Boy' MMA 2011 Hall of Fame." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.

➔Section 16. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Hannah and Reese Farris 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 2015 National Junior Olympic Gold Medalists in Gymnastics Hannah and Reese Farris." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

➔Section 17. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on Kentucky Route 52 in Lee County, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 2016, as the "Roy Angel Memorial Bridge," and within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 18. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the first bridge in Leslie County, on Kentucky Route 1780, off of United States Highway 421, as the "Graydon and Nell Hoskins Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 19. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Greg Queen by erecting signs on Kentucky 192 Bypass in Laurel County that read, "Home of the 2005 to 2015 Bluegrass 10,000 Crank Wheelchair Champion Greg Queen." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.

➔Section 20. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3424 in Leslie County as the "Henry Roberts Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 21. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the Shopville Elementary archery team by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 80 approaching the school in each direction that read "Shopville Elementary Archery, 2014 NASP State Champions, 2015 NASP State and National Champions." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.

➔Section 22. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 68/Kentucky Route 80 in Trigg County, from mile-point 0 to mile-point 8.3, as the "Trigg County Veterans Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 23. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Patrick by designating Kentucky Route 2237 in Bullitt County as "Patrick Lane" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 24. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 70 in Barren County, from Cave City to Hiseville, as the "Pfc. Edgar Everett Purple Heart Trail," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 25. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 27 in Jessamine County, from mile point 1.230 to the Fayette County line, as the "Jessamine County Fallen Heroes Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 26. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 61, over the Salt River in Bullitt County, as the "Women's Army Corps Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 27. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1448 in Mason County, from United States Highway 62 to Kentucky Route 9, as the "First Responders Highway Buffalo Trace Region," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this legislation.

➔Section 28. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 2557 in Floyd County as the "Gene D. Davis Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 29. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 32 in Rowan County, from the Fleming/Rowan County line (mile point 0) to the interchange of Interstate-64 (mile point 5.59) as "Veteran's Avenue," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 30. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3531 in Rowan County, from Kentucky Route 32 to the end of the state-maintained portion of the highway, as the "American Legion Way," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 31. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 699 in Perry County, at its intersection with Kentucky Route 7, as the "Denver and Irene Miniard Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 32. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 267 in Perry County, from Kentucky Highway 15 to the town of Typo, as the "Sgt. Dennie Neace 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 shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 160 in Harlan County, at mile-point 5.404 that spans over Looney Creek, as the "Chester Andrew Molley Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 34. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 215 in Harlan County, at mile-point 2.626 that spans Yocum Creek, as the "David 'HotShot' Rigney Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 35. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new replacement bridge on Kentucky Route 20 in Boone County (008B00018N), as the "Albert Wind Jr. WWII Veteran Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of completion of the bridge, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 36. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the Corbin High School Cheerleading Team by erecting signs on United States Highway 25E at the Laurel/Knox County line and on United States Highway 25W in the city of Corbin, near its intersection with Snyder Street that read, "Home of the Corbin High School Cheerleading Team 2016 UCA National Champions/Medium Division II." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.

➔Section 37. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 80 in Floyd County that spans over United States Highway 23, as the "Lucy Kinzer Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 38. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 60 in Daviess County, from its intersection with the Owensboro Bypass, going west to Audubon Elementary School as the "SPC Brandon Scott Mullins Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 39. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 2118 in Daviess County as the "Tuskegee Airman Milton T. Hall Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 40. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 505 in Ohio County as the "Jewell Creston Embry Memorial Highway WWII POW" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 41. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3345 in Morgan County as the "PFC David Michael Sowards Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 42. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 191 in Morgan County, from the Cannel City School to the Wolfe County line, as the "LCpl Joe Roger Melczek 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 Kentucky Route 191 in Morgan County, from its intersection with United States Highway 460, to the old Cannel City school as the "PFC Ralph Paul Terry Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 44. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of American Pharoah by designating United States Route 60, from New Circle Road in Fayette County to Franklin County, as "American

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

→Section 45. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 632 in Pike County as the "Sturgeon/Rice/Hayes Vietnam Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 46. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3380 in Floyd County as the "Homer Hamilton Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 47. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1848 from United States Route 60 to Kentucky Route 362 as the "George Frank Smith Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 48. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3419 in Pike County as the "Deputy Earl Smith Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 49. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 2059 in Pike County as the "Deputy Jessie Ferrell Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 50. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 90 over Lake Cumberland in Pulaski County as "The Houseboat Capital of the World Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 51. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1642 in Pulaski County as the "Bruce Weddle Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 52. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1247 in Pulaski County between mile-point 0 and mile-point 3.95 as the "Cliff Childers Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 53. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate all of Kentucky Route 2 that lies within the city limits of Olive Hill, Carter County, as the "Lieutenant Firefighter David Wayne Conley Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 54. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the Little Sandy River Bridge in Greenup County, which connects Kentucky Route 2541 (Main Street) and United States Route 23, as the "Jimmy Doran Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 55. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 122 in Pike County, from the Floyd County Line to the intersection with Anderson Fork, as the "Lula Bates Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 56. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 192, from mile-point 12 in Pulaski County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 1193 in Laurel County, as "The Rattlesnake," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 57. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 628 in Whitley County that spans over Interstate 75, as the "William Glenos Cox, Sr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect signage on the Interstate 75 underpass denoting this designation.

→Section 58. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 30 in Owsley County, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 847, as the "Ronnie Callahan Jr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 59. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the Clay County 13-14 year old softball team by placing signs at mile-points 17 and 18.9 on United States Highway 421 in Clay County that read "Home of 2015 Clay County Girls 13-14 Year Old Little League Softball Team/State and Central Region Champions/7th Place World Series." 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 60. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 55 near mile-point 14.9 in Adair County that spans Russell Creek, as the "Firefighter Charles 'Sparky' Sparks Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 61. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the westbound span of the bridge on the new United States Highway 460 in Pike County that crosses Upper Pond Creek/Draffin as the "Staff Sgt. Donta Price Memorial Bridge, US Army, Gulf War," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 62. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge at the intersection of Kentucky Route 2179 North and United States Route 119 in Harlan County as the "Vietnam Veteran Ron Johnson Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 63. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 510 from the Kentucky Route 221 junction at Pine Mountain Settlement School to the Letcher County Line as the "Omer Lewis Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 64. The Transportation Cabinet Shall designate the bridge at mile-point 25.478 on United States Highway 119, in Harlan County, as the "Raymond Doss Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 65. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 122 in Floyd County, from mile-point 18 to mile-point 19, as the "Lance Corporal Jonathan B. Thornsberry Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 66. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 169 in Jessamine County, from the Nicholasville city limits to its intersection with Vince Road, as the "Howard Fain Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 67. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 161 in Mason County, from the Mason County/Fleming County line to its intersection with Kentucky Route 324 (mile-point 0 to mile-point 3.456), as the "Trooper Anson Blake Tribby Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 68. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 7 in Carter County that spans over Interstate-64, as the "Pauline Burton Davis Hale Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

**Signed by Governor April 13, 2016.**