

CHAPTER 155**(SJR 57)**

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

WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris was born on June 2, 1981, the cherished son of Jimmy and Sharon Morris; and

WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris was a Highway Equipment Operator IV with the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. He had been employed with the Cabinet for 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris tragically departed this earthly life on December 22, 2015, after being struck by a vehicle while performing his job in Allen County; and

WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris is deeply missed by his family, friends, and all those whose lives he touched with his graciousness and passion for life; and

WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris was preceded in death by his grandfather, Willard Taylor, and his nephew, Samuel Smith. He is survived by his parents; grandparents, Martha Taylor and Forrest and Martha Morris; sisters, Tiffany Westbrook and her husband, Roger, Tonya Bradford and her husband, Lenny, and Tabitha Smith and her husband, Joshua; brother, Trey Morris and his wife, Cary; and many nieces and nephews who miss his presence in their lives; 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 is hereby directed to designate the bridge on United States Highway 31E in Allen County, at West Bays Fork Creek between United States Highway 231 and Kentucky Route 101, as the "Titus Elijah Morris Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Highway 119 near mile marker 35 in the City of Cumberland, as the "Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. Memorial 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 bridge on Kentucky Route 2030 in Floyd County as the "Will Carroll Memorial Bridge," 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 39 in Pulaski County, as the "Marshall Davenport Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 5. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, the Transportation Cabinet shall erect permanent signs on United States Route 68 entering Barren County that denote Barren County as the birthplace of two recipients of the Medal of Honor, Sergeant William L. Day, and Corporal Richard E. Bush.

➔Section 6. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 122 in Floyd County, from mile-point 25.965 to mile-point 27.479, as the "Debbie Ann Ferguson Hall Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Keith Whitley by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23 along the Lawrence County line, 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 3414 on the Left Fork of Long Fork from Petty's Fork to Sycamore Branch in Pike County as the "Walker "Hayes" Bentley Memorial Highway, Casualty of World War II," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 3414 in Pike County, near Petty's Fork on the Left Fork of Long Fork, as the:

"Pvt. Clyde Bentley Memorial Bridge
Casualty of WWII"

and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall add an indication on the signs naming the "Clarence Edward Tackett" and "Billy Wayne Bridgeman" bridges in Virgie, Kentucky, to indicate their status as casualties of the Vietnam War and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 11. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of United States Highway 610 in Pike County as the "Cpl. Don "Donnie Mac" McClelland Justice Memorial Highway, Casualty of Vietnam War," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 12. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Don Rigsby by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23 in Lawrence County, 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 United States Highway 460 in Franklin County, from mile-point 0.0 to mile-point 1.2, as the "Reverend Wallace Kent Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 14. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 29 in Jessamine County, from Lowry Lane to Handy's Bend Road, as the "Bobby L. Dunaway Memorial Highway," and shall within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 15. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 33 in Mercer County, from the city limits of Burgin to its intersection with Kentucky Route 68, as the "Lance Corporal Donald Deloy Hanson, USMC, Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 16. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 127 in Mercer County, from mile-point 0.0 to mile-point 4.4, as the "Mercer County Vietnam Veterans Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 17. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 80 in Leslie County near Kentucky Route 1807, as the "Corporal Gordon Jones Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 18. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs on Kentucky Route 163 southbound, at the intersection with Commerce Drive, and on Kentucky Route 100 northbound, 300 yards north of the Old Gamaliel Road Intersection, that read "Home of the Monroe County Lady Falcons, 2017 All-A Girls' Basketball State Champions." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from their date of placement.

➔Section 19. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to place signs in Letcher County on United States Highway 23 at the Pike County/Letcher County line and on Kentucky Route 15 on the Knott County/Letcher

County line, that read "Home of Dr. Van Breeding, 2017 National Country Doctor of the Year," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 20. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to place a sign on the Interstate 264 overpass over Northwestern Parkway in Jefferson County that reads "Judge Benjamin Shobe Memorial Overpass," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 21. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 80 over the East Fork of the Little Barren River (Bridge Number 085B0006N) in Metcalfe County as the "Kinnaird-Bell 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 Kentucky Route 1482 in Clay County, from the Clay/Leslie County line to its intersection with Kentucky Route 484, as the "Amon Couch Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 23. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway 421 in Leslie County, from mile point 10.7 to mile point 13.1, as the "Hughes and Sallie Morgan Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 24. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the overpass on Interstate 75 over United States Highway 42 in Boone County, as the "Jack Reno Memorial Overpass," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 25. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor Keva McFerrin by placing signs on United States Highway 25E, at the Knox County/Bell County line and the Laurel County/Knox County line that read, "Home of Keva McFerrin 2016 AmeriFest National Miss Toddler U.S.," 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 26. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the United States Highway 68 Bypass in Christian County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 107 to the intersection with United States Highway 41A, as the "Corporal Windell J. Simmons Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 27. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Route 23 over the Little Sandy River in the city of Greenup as the "Greenup County Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. Signs erected under this section shall include the phrase "The Forgotten War."

→Section 28. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the section of Kentucky Route 63 in Monroe County, from mile point 6.7 to mile point 6.9, as the "Sam Hagan Curve," 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 Kentucky Route 36 from the intersection of United States Highway 127N in Owen County to the intersection of Kentucky Route 22E in Grant County as the "Chase Duvall Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 30. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor Nick Mills by placing signs on United States Highway 25E, at the Knox County/Bell County line and the Laurel County/Knox County line that read, "Home of Nick Mills, 2017 Grand National American Coon Hunting Champion." 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 is hereby directed to honor Roby Mullins by erecting signs on United States Route 27 at the Lincoln County/Garrard County line and the Lincoln County/Pulaski County line that read "Home of Roby Mullins, 2016 NASP 3D Outdoor World Archery Champion." 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 32. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky Route 9000, the Mountain Parkway in Clark County, between Kentucky Route 974 and the Powell County Line, as the "Verne G. Orndorff 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 United States Highway 421 in Harlan County, near mile point 12.8 as the "PFC Kenneth Ward Harris Memorial Bridge," 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 William Blake by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 160 in Harlan County at the city limits of Cumberland that read "Home of World War II Veteran William Blake," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage. 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 35. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to place honorary signs on United States Highway 23 entering Johnson County that read "Home of the Johnson Central High School Golden Eagles, 2016 KHSAA Class 4A Football Champions" within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution. The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for a minimum of one year.

➔Section 36. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 9 in Mason County, from United States Highway 68 to Kentucky Route 10, as the "Mason County Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 37. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Highway 62, on the Tennessee River on the border of Livingston and Marshall Counties, as the "George A. 'Tony' Ellis Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 38. The Transportation Cabinet shall erect signs near the intersection of Kentucky Route 122 and Kentucky Route 979 in Floyd County that read "Hi Hat, Home of 3-time Basketball All-American Jimmy Rose" within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution. The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for a minimum of one year.

➔Section 39. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 52, over the Kentucky River in the city of Irvine, as the "Captain Zachary Chase Clevenger Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 40. The Transportation Cabinet shall erect signs on Kentucky Route 1544, in Ohio County, at the city limits of Rosine, that read "Rosine, Home of SP5 Ronald Bryan, Recipient of the Distinguished Flying Cross," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage. The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for a minimum of one year.

➔Section 41. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 764, in Daviess County, at Whitesville, as the "PFC William O. Mills 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 313 within Meade County, from the Hardin County line to the city of Brandenburg, as the "Sergeant James A. Sherrill Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. This designation shall supersede any previous designations established for this section of highway.

➔Section 43. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Highway 421 South, in Harlan County, past mile marker 10, as the "PFC Arthur Speegle Jr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 44. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Highway 421 South, in Harlan County, at mile marker 10, the "Corporal George 'Hobie' Noe Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 45. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Sarah Mills by placing signs in Bullitt County, on Kentucky Route 44 in front of Eastside Middle School and on Kentucky Route 44 near its intersection with Interstate 65, that read "Home of Sarah Mills, 2017 Kentucky Middle School Teacher 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 46. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the Bullitt East High School Cheer Team by placing signs in front of Bullitt East High School on Kentucky Route 44 and on Kentucky Route 44 at its intersection with Bardstown Road that read "Home of Bullitt East High School Cheer Team/2017 KHSAA 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 47. The Transportation Cabinet shall erect honorary signs on Kentucky Route 2831 between 17th Street and 20th Street in Owensboro that read "Owensboro High School, Home of 2-Time State Champion Basketball Coach and Hall of Fame Member Bobby Watson." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year from the date the signs were erected.

➔Section 48. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky Route 536 in Kenton County as the "Biz Cain Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage at the Kenton County/Boone County line and the Kenton County/Campbell County line.

➔Section 49. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to place signs on each end of United States Highway 68X in Logan County that read "Logan County, Celebrating 225 Years of History 1792-2017." 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 50. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the following sections of roadway as the "Copperhead Trail," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect signage denoting this designation:

1. From mile point 9.859 of Kentucky Route 92 in Whitley County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 296;
2. From mile point 0.0 of Kentucky Route 296 in Whitley County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 204;
3. From mile point 0.0 of Kentucky Route 204 in Whitley County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 478;
4. From mile point 7.705 of Kentucky Route 478 in Whitley County to the Whitley County/McCreary County line;
5. From the McCreary County/Whitley County line on Kentucky Route 478 to its intersection with United States Highway 27 in McCreary County;
6. From mile point 9.093 of United States Highway 27 in McCreary County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 700;
7. From Kentucky Route 700 in McCreary County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 90 in McCreary County;
8. From mile point 9.51 on Kentucky Route 90 to the Whitley County/McCreary County line;
9. From mile point 0.0 on Kentucky Route 90 in Whitley County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 90S;
10. From mile point 0.0 on Kentucky 90S in Whitley County to its intersection with United States Highway 25W;
11. From mile point 21.94 on United States Highway 25W in Whitley County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 296;
12. From mile point 2.075 on Kentucky Route 296 in Whitley County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 2386;
13. From mile point 0.776 on Kentucky Route 2386 in Whitley County to its intersection with Kentucky Route 92; and
14. From mile point 10.736 on Kentucky Route 92 in Whitley County to mile point 9.85 on Kentucky Route 92 in Whitley County.

➔Section 51. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Olivia Prewitt by erecting signs on United States Route 150 in front of Constitution Square and on Kentucky Route 2324 in front of Danville High School, that read "Home of Olivia Prewitt, 2017 Miss Kentucky Teen USA." 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 52. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Danny Taylor by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 15 entering Letcher County from each direction that read "Home of Danny Taylor, 2016 Inductee, Lincoln Memorial Athletic Hall of Fame." 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 53. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor the Hopkinsville High School Band by erecting signs on the Edward Breathitt Parkway entering Christian County from each direction that read "Home of the Hopkinsville High School Band, 2016 Kentucky Music Educators Association AAAA 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 54. The Transportation Cabinet shall add the following names to the sign erected for the "Jessamine County Fallen Heroes Highway" established by 2016 Ky. Acts ch. 96, sec. 25: Cecil Allen Fain, William Paul Ketron, John Everette Mackey, Charles "Chuck" Morgan, Jr., Joseph Scott Northup, Sr., Burke Jevon Rhoads, Billy Ray Walls, and William Michael Wheeler.

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