

**CHAPTER 180****( HCR 90 )**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the United States government to designate a portion of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway as Interstate 169.

WHEREAS, the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway opened as a toll road on Kentucky's Parkway system in 1969, providing a fast and efficient connection between the cities of Henderson and Hopkinsville; and

WHEREAS, in 2006, the section of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway from Henderson to the Western Kentucky Parkway was designated as a portion of Interstate 69, and in 2015, legislation directed that the route be signed as Interstate 69; and

WHEREAS, designating the remainder of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway as an interstate spur would provide increased connectivity between Interstate 69 and Interstate 24; and

WHEREAS, designation of the remainder of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway as an interstate spur could save the federal government and the Commonwealth nearly \$200 million and maximize investments already made, like the \$100 million invested in the road in the 1990s to achieve this ultimate goal ; and

WHEREAS, designation of the remainder of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway as an interstate spur will enhance the region by helping to bring in much needed economic and tourism dollars, especially since so many businesses emphasize connection to the interstate highway system when researching site selection; and

WHEREAS, designation of the remainder of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway as an interstate spur would continue to improve the vital role that the interstate highway system plays in our national defense logistics system especially as it pertains to Fort Campbell; and

WHEREAS, current projects in Kentucky's Six Year Road Plan address intersection issues that pose potential obstacles to an interstate designation; and

WHEREAS, legislation has passed the United States Senate that would designate the remainder of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway as Interstate 169;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

➔Section 1. The members of the General Assembly strongly encourage the United States Congress and the United States Department of Transportation to designate the remainder of the Edward T. Breathitt Pennyrile Parkway, from its intersection with the Western Kentucky Parkway to its terminus at Interstate 24, as Interstate 169.

➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives shall forward a copy of this Resolution to Secretary Elaine Chao, United States Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC 20590; and to all members of Kentucky's Congressional delegation.

**Signed by Governor April 11, 2017.**