

**CHAPTER 166****( HJR 196 )**

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

WHEREAS, William Bays was born October 17, 1987, in Barstow, California, the only son of Timothy and April Briggs Bays; and

WHEREAS, a true American patriot who loved his country with great passion, William Bays volunteered to serve in the United States Army in 2009 and attained the rank of Sergeant, serving as a squad leader with D Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant William Bays was a loving and dedicated husband and father and was a member of Life Point Church who enjoyed camping, traveling, and working on cars, especially his Jeep; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2017, Sergeant William Bays and two of his fellow soldiers from the Army's 101st Airborne Division, Sergeant Eric Houck and Corporal Dillon Baldrige, were killed by fire from a Taliban member who had infiltrated an Afghan army unit; and

WHEREAS, the three fallen soldiers were remembered by Major General Andrew Poppas, Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, who said, "Today, as we grieve, our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Corporal Baldrige, Sergeant Houck, and Sergeant Bays. We take this as a family loss. In the days ahead, the 101st Soldiers and the Rakkasans will continue the fight against terrorism with unbridled determination. Our Soldiers are battle-hardened and committed to the defense of our nation and the freedoms for which we fight"; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant William Bays' awards and decorations included the Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Assault Badge, and the Driver and Mechanic Badge; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant William Bays posthumously earned the Bronze Star Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf cluster; and

WHEREAS, other than his parents, Sergeant William Bays is survived by his wife, Jasmin Bays; daughters, Laura, Mia, and Julia; sisters, Brenda Griner and Lindsay Bays; paternal grandmother, Doris Bays; maternal grandparents, Marshall and Lorraine Briggs; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Regina Draeger; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this brave soldier, who paid the ultimate sacrifice in defense of his country, be recognized in some tangible way, no matter how inadequate that recognition 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:

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➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United States Route 79 in Todd County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 848, at mile point 3.973, to the intersection with Kentucky Route 102, at mile point 8.729, as the "Sergeant William M. Bays 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 Kentucky Route 1780 in Leslie County, from its intersection with Saylor Branch Road to its intersection with Salt Trace Branch Road, as "Cpl. Edward Caldwell Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of Kentucky Route 10, in Campbell County, at Alexandria, from Persimmon Grove Pike to Carthage Road, as the "Senior Master Sergeant Jeremy Nelson 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 the bridge on Kentucky Route 87 over Line Creek in Monroe County, Bridge Number 086B00046N, as the "Billy Murphy Memorial Bridge," 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 honor Molly Matney by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 314 in Metcalfe County, at mile point 3.241 and mile point 6.463, that read "Home of Molly Matney, 2017 Miss Kentucky." 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 6. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the Bridge on Kentucky Highway 61 over Middle Creek at the LaRue/Hardin County line as the "Master Chief Petty Officer Carl Maxie Brashear Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting the designation.

➔Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of Kentucky Route 32 in Rowan County, from the intersection with United States Route 60 at mile point 8.439 to the intersection with Messer Road at mile point 11.207, as the "Jennifer B. Skaggs 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 honorary designations placed on this portion of highway.

➔Section 8. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Roby Mullins by erecting a sign on United States Route 150 at the Boyle County/Lincoln County line that reads "Home of Roby Mullins, 2017 NASP State Overall Archery Champion." The sign 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 its placement.

➔Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 274 over the Little River at mile point 3.118 in Trigg County as "Mershon's Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. This designation shall supersede any previous honorary designations for this bridge.

➔Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 274 in Trigg County, from the intersection with United States Route 68X (mile point 0) to the intersection with Carl Gray Road and Goose Hollow Road (mile point 8.92), as the "John E. Woodruff 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 the portion of Kentucky Route 236 in Boone and Kenton Counties, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 3076 in Boone County (mile point 1.594) to the intersection with Baker Street in Kenton County (mile point 2.007) as the "H. Gordon Martin 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 is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 100 in Allen County, from mile point 15.2 to mile point 15.4, as the "Jeffrey P. Anderson Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage.

➔Section 13. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Elaine "Bae Bae" Avane Smith by erecting a sign on United States Route 27 at the Lincoln County/Garrard County line that reads "Home Of Elaine 'Bae Bae' Avane Smith, 2017 Young Miss Kentucky, MKTA." The sign 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 its placement.

➔Section 14. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 10 in Greenup County, from mile point 1.897 to mile point 3.554, as the "WWI Veteran Spencer T. Carter 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 the portion of Kentucky Route 204 in Whitley County, from mile marker 7 to mile marker 10, "Canadatown Road" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 16. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 41A in Webster County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 120 at mile point 1.194 to the intersection with Kentucky Route 132 at mile point 10.010 as the "Dr. Wayne C. Cole Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 17. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate bridge number 048B00103N on Kentucky Route 987 in Harlan County, at Smith Lake Beach, near mile marker 13, as the "Sgt. William 'Bill' Stevens Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 18. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor the Lynn Camp High School Cheer Team by placing honorary signs on United States Highway 25E, at the Knox County/Bell County line and the Knox County/Laurel County line that read, "Home of the Lynn Camp HS Cheer Team, 2018 All "A" 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 19. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Highway 31E in Nelson County, near its intersection with Whitesides Road, as the "Howard Cheek Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 20. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 234 in Warren County, on Cemetery Road that spans Drake's Creek, as the "John M. Donoho (Infant) Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 21. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 1088, at the Perry County/Knott County line as the "George H. Gayheart Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 22. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky Route 72, in Harlan County, from mile point 0 to mile point 2, as the "Staff Sergeant Bird Hensley Jr. Missing in Action Korean War Veteran Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage. This designation shall supersede any previous honorary designation of this section of highway.

➔Section 23. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Clarence "Soc" Clay by erecting signs at the city limits of South Shore, on United States Route 23, in Greenup County, that read "Home of Clarence 'Soc' Clay, 1984 Kentucky Poet Laureate." 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 24. The Transportation Cabinet shall, upon the completion of necessary upgrades and final approval from the Federal Highway Administration to include the William H. Natcher Parkway as part of the interstate highway system, designate the road as the "William H. Natcher Expressway" and within 30 days of federal approval, erect appropriate signs.

➔Section 25. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 30 in Magoffin County, just west of Mill Branch Road, as the "Paul W. Rowe Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 26. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 160, from the entrance to Benham to the bridge by the Benham Post Office, in Harlan County, as the "SP4 Bobby Lewis Manuel Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 27. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Route 421 in Harlan County, near the Grays Knob Bible Church, as the "WT1 James Thomas Allen Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 28. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Robert Boyd Holbrook by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 194, near Goebel Branch Road, in Floyd County, that read "Home of Boyd Holbrook." 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 29. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 15 at Kentucky Route 451, in Perry County, as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

➔Section 30. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate United States Highway 41 in Christian County, from its intersection with Interstate 169 to its intersection with United States Highway 68 Bypass, as the "Herb Covington Memorial Highway," 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 66 in Bell County, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 2011, as the "Ted Rodney Collett 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 the bridge on Kentucky Route 159 in Pendleton County over Kincaid Creek, bridge number 096BN0045N, as the "William 'Bill' Ashcraft Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 33. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs on Kentucky Route 17 at the intersections with United States Route 27 and Kentucky Route 1853 that read, "Home of Nate Jones, Major League Baseball Player, Chicago White Sox, 2012-Present." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year.

➔Section 34. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Route 60 in Carter County over the Little Sandy River, bridge number 022B00063N, as the "Dr. H.E. Shufflebarger Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 35. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 474 in Carter County over Smith Creek, bridge number 022B00168N, as the "Vernie and Mary Ellen Oakley Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

➔Section 36. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, honor the accomplishments of Kelsie May by erecting an honorary sign on Kentucky Route 3 in Lawrence County, near the intersection with United States Route 23 at the city limits of Louisa, that reads "Home of Kelsie May, Country Music Singer." The sign erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year.

➔Section 37. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 1417 in Bullitt County over Knob Creek, bridge number 015B00100N, as the "James D. 'Boss' Shepherd 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 designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 90 in Wayne County over Otter Creek, bridge number 11600036N, as the "Hiram Bruce 'Bud' Grayer Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

➔Section 39. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs on United States Route 127 in Boyle County, at the city limits of Danville, that read "Home of D'mauriae Vancleave, 2017 Kentucky Mr. Football." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year.

➔Section 40. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs on United States Route 127 in Boyle County, at the Mercer and Lincoln County lines, that read "Home of Boyle County Rebels, 2017 KHSAA Class 3A Football Champions and Danville Admirals, 2017 KHSAA Class 2A Football Champions." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one year.

➔Section 41. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 946 in Menifee County as the "Gary Collins Memorial Highway," 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 Kentucky Route 746 in Menifee County as the "Sgt. Bill Ratliff 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 a portion of United States Route 60 in Rowan County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 32 at mile point 9.683 to the intersection with Kentucky Route 799 at mile point 12.856, as the "Sgt. James J. Harlan 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 honorary designations placed on this portion of highway.

→Section 44. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the life and accomplishments of Charlie Justice 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.

→Section 45. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Route 60 over the Tennessee River, between McCracken and Livingston Counties, as the "George Rogers Clark Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.

→Section 46. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 2030 in Floyd County, from mile point 5.03 to mile point 7.80, as the "Corporal Elba Case WWII Purple Heart 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 29 in Jessamine County, from the United States 27 West Bypass in front of the Jessamine County Board of Education to the Southern Railroad Bridge, as the "Harlan H. Veal, Sr. Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 48. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 39 in Jessamine County, from its intersection with Chrisman Mill Road to its intersection with Elm Fork Road, as the "Nancy Stacy Breiner Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 49. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 777 in Floyd County as the "Harry Lee Moore Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

→Section 50. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs at appropriate locations on Kentucky Route 1428 in Floyd County that read "James D. Adams Middle School Blackcats 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Team, 2017 Kentucky Basketball Academy State Champions." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for a minimum of one year.

→Section 51. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 610 in Pike County, near Hall and Jones Funeral Home, Bridge Number 098-B00070N, as the "Hobart Clay Johnson Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 52. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the future United States Highway 460 eastbound twin bridge in Pike County as the "Harrell Caudill Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 53. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 3174 in Pike County, that spans Marrowbone Creek, as the "James Hamilton Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the proper signage.

→Section 54. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the life and accomplishments of Jack Adkins 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.

→Section 55. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky Route 3414 in Pike County as the "William Blaine Burke Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 56. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 20 in Boone County, from mile point 6 to mile point 7, as the "Sgt. Charles "Chalkie" Fleek Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage. The signs shall denote that Sgt. Fleek was a Medal of Honor recipient.

→Section 57. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the future United States Highway 460 westbound twin bridge in Pike County as the "Officer Scotty Hamilton Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

→Section 58. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 466 in Floyd County, at Melvin, from mile point 31.140 to mile point 34.191, as the "SPC Lowell Johnson Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

**Became law without Governor's signature April 14, 2018.**

