

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the "Hospital Corpsman Steve Bechtel Memorial Highway" in Mercer County.

WHEREAS, Steve Bechtel was born to George and Naomi Bechtel on February 7, 1948 in Decatur, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Bechtel family relocated to Harrodsburg, where while attending Harrodsburg High School, Steve Bechtel worked at the "lower dime store" where he came in contact with many people.

WHEREAS, Steve Bechtel joined the Navy after graduation in 1966 and received training as a Navy Corpsman, and was assigned to the 1st Marine Fleet Marine Force in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Steve Bechtel spent 8 months in the DMZ and was serving in the area surrounding Da Nang during the Tet offensive of 1968; and

WHEREAS, on February 5, 1968, Steve Bechtel was badly wounded during an attack on a field hospital; he was the only survivor of this attack; and

WHEREAS, Steve Bechtel died from his injuries on February 12, 1968, five days after his 20th birthday; and

WHEREAS, the sacrifices of this young man, who went into combat to render aid to and save the lives of his comrades, should be publicly lauded and honored in some tangible way, even though the honor does not come close to the measure of respect in which he should be held;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 152 in Mercer County, from Bruners Chapel Road (mile point 4.942) to the Salt River Park (mile point 8.866) as the "Hospital Corpsman Steve Bechtel Memorial Highway", and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.