

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Navy Airman James Van Bussum Memorial Highway in Daviess County.

WHEREAS, James Matthew Van Bussum, the son of Preston and Nina Van Bussum, was born February 21, 1949, in Owensboro, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, James Van Bussum was a 1969 graduate of Owensboro Catholic High School, and joined the United States Navy immediately after graduation; and

WHEREAS, Airman James Van Bussum served as the plane captain on Flight RG-407, which was lost on a mission over the South China Sea on December 12, 1971; and

WHEREAS, the bodies of Airman James Van Bussum, along with those of the other nine crew members of Flight RG-407, were never recovered; and

WHEREAS, because of the location of the crash, Airman James Van Bussum and the crew of Flight RG-407 are not listed on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., and Airman Van Bussum is not listed on the Kentucky Vietnam Veterans Memorial; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, the United States Navy held a memorial service for the families of the crew of Flight RG-407 to give the families a sense of closure and remind them that the sacrifices of their loved ones are not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the Commonwealth of Kentucky salute the service and sacrifice of Airman James Van Bussum;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. 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.