

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Officer Regina Nickles Memorial Highway in Mercer County.

WHEREAS, Regina Woodward, the daughter of Robert and June Woodward, was born October 10, 1953, in Cincinnati, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Regina Woodward's family moved to Danville, Kentucky, where she graduated from Danville High School in 1972; and

WHEREAS, after she married and had two children, Regina Woodward Nickles joined the Harrodsburg Police Department in 1983, becoming the first female officer in the department's history; and

WHEREAS, Officer Regina Nickles would be known as a perfectionist who was determined to do the best job she could so as to not disappoint those who placed their trust in her; and

WHEREAS, Officer Nickles had a reputation for resolving difficult confrontations and often served as a liaison between children and parents, being able to reach people other officers could not; and

WHEREAS, Officer Nickles' reputation among the people of Mercer County led to her being nominated to run for the office of Sheriff in 1998; and

WHEREAS, on October 14, 1998, Officer Regina Nickles, responding to a call of a suspicious person at a Harrodsburg business, was fatally wounded in the line of duty, just four days after her 45th birthday; and

WHEREAS, Officer Regina Nickles, who was the first female police officer in Kentucky to be killed in the line of duty, was survived by her two daughters, Christina and Brandellin, her mother and three brothers, and a grieving community of friends and fellow officers who feel the loss to this day; and

WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of Officer Regina Nickles should be tangibly memorialized and honored;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

→Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United States Route 127 in Mercer County from the Anderson County line to the northern city limits of Harrodsburg as the "Officer Regina Nickles Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation