

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the new bridge on Kentucky Route 163 in Monroe County as the "Mount Gilead Community Bridge."

WHEREAS, the Mount Gilead community is located at the forks of East Fork Creek, about three-and-a-half miles north of Tompkinsville; and

WHEREAS, early settlement of the community began in about 1798; and

WHEREAS, the land where the village now stands was granted to John Summers by then-Governor Isaac Shelby; and

WHEREAS, in 1798, John Summers' daughter Isabell married Henry Bushong, who received a land grant in the community in 1799; and

WHEREAS, other early settlers of Mt. Gilead were Solomon Dickerson in 1804 and John Harris in 1807; and

WHEREAS, the Mount Gilead Church of Christ was established in 1857. Among the charter members of this church were the Brown, Lyon, High, Bushong, Bray, Proffitt, Harvey, Pitcock, Harris, Cunningham, Emberton, Payne, Robertson, and McMurtery families; and

WHEREAS, one of the first saw mills in Monroe County was located at Mount Gilead; and

WHEREAS, Jacob Bushong operated a grist mill operated by water power in Mt. Gilead as early as 1880; and

WHEREAS, around 1908, a large flour mill was built to replace the old one. People came great distances to get their wheat ground into flour; and

WHEREAS, in 1909 a post office was established in Mount Gilead, and the community was called Bushong. The following served as postmaster: William S. Harlan, Jarret Dickerson, and Lorenzo T. Rasner. Isaac Humes served as deputy postmaster. The post office was discontinued in 1924; and

WHEREAS, there are descendents of the first known settler John Summers still living in Mt. Gilead and descendents of Henry Bushong still own and live on part of the

farm he settled; and

WHEREAS, this bridge designation will serve as a constant reminder of the history and strength of the Mt. Gilead community;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the new bridge on Kentucky Route 163 in Monroe County, heading north out of Tompkinsville, as the "Mount Gilead Community Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.