

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge on Kentucky Route 30 in Owsley County in honor and memory of longtime City Clerk/Administrator Ronnie Callahan Jr.

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. was born April 1, 1969, to Ruby Nell (Cope) and the late Ronald Callahan Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. received the John Phillip Sousa Award as a drummer for the Owsley County High School marching band. This spurred his love of music and karaoke; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. was a graduate of Sullivan Business College; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. was employed as City Manager for the city of Booneville and oversaw the daily operations of the Booneville Water and Sewer Department; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. devoted his life to public service and improving his community. He was an active member of the Owsley County Action Team, Owsley County Fair Board, and the Daniel Boone Days Committee. He was Chairman of the Owsley County/Booneville Industrial Authority, Treasurer of the Owsley County Extension Services, PRIDE Coordinator, Director of the Pine Ridge Regional Industrial Authority, and a member of the Owsley County Tourism Committee and Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. was a member of the 1st Baptist Church of Booneville, where he was the song leader and played the piano; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. was an honorary Kentucky Colonel; and

WHEREAS, on July 19, 2015, Ronnie Callahan Jr. traversed these earthly bounds; and

WHEREAS, Ronnie Callahan Jr. is survived by his mother Ruby, his brother Jeff (Natasha), nieces and nephew Kenedi, Parker, and Serenity, a host of uncles, aunts, cousins, and many other loving family members and friends; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly sees fit to honor the life and memory of Ronnie

Callahan Jr. through this designation;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky Route 30 in Owsley County, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 847, as the "Ronnie Callahan Jr. Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.