

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Kentucky Route 510 from the Kentucky Route 221 junction at Pine Mountain Settlement School to the Letcher County Line as the "Omer Lewis Memorial Highway."

WHEREAS, Omer Lewis was born to Elijah and Arwilla Lewis on April 28, 1921, in Pine Mountain; and

WHEREAS, Omer Lewis was a loving husband and father to his wife, Sue Stewart-Lewis, and their four children Gary (Tonya) Lewis, Sandra (John) Grimsley, David (Maxine) Lewis, and Vernon (Theresa) Lewis; and

WHEREAS, Omer Lewis served in the United States Army and received two Bronze Stars in the European-African-Middle Eastern campaign in World War II; he also received a World War II Victory Medal, a World War II Honorable Service Lapel Button, a Good Conduct Medal, and a Marksman Badge with a rifle bar; and

WHEREAS, after suffering war-related injuries, Omer Lewis spent six weeks in a Belgium hospital during World War II; however, he did not receive a Purple Heart due to the loss of records in a fire; and

WHEREAS, Omer Lewis was the grandson of William Creech, founder of Pine Mountain Settlement School, and worked there from 1955 till 1986 as the Director of Farm and Maintenance and then he retired; and

WHEREAS, Omer Lewis was a Stonemason and Kentucky Colonel; and

WHEREAS, Omer Lewis traversed these earthly bounds on January 11, 2012, and was buried with full military honors in Wilder Cemetery in Rosspoint, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly wishes to recognize the service of Omer Lewis, both to the United States of America and the Commonwealth in a tangible manner, through the designation of a Kentucky Route in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 510

from the Kentucky Route 221 junction at Pine Mountain Settlement School to the Letcher County Line as the "Omer Lewis Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.