

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the bridge on Kentucky Route 61, over the Salt River in Bullitt County, as the "Women's Army Corp Memorial Bridge."

WHEREAS, Edith Nourse Rogers introduced a bill in May 1941 calling for the creation of an all-volunteer women's corps in the Armed Forces, and by May 15, 1942, the Women's Army Corps was formed; and

WHEREAS, during World War II, the Women's Army Corps allowed more than 150,000 women to serve in noncombat divisions of the United States Army for the first time in history; and

WHEREAS, women took over positions such as radio operators and air-traffic controllers to relieve many men from clerical duties, allowing them to join the fight on two fronts against Nazi Germany and Japan; and

WHEREAS, Fort Knox, much of which lies in Bullitt County, was a major trading center for the Women's Army Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Army Corps served with distinction as a separate unit of the Army from its first installment in World War II until 1978; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Army Corps was discontinued in 1978 to remove separation between men and women and to promote equality in service opportunities to the United States; and

WHEREAS, the Women's Army Corps has been a vital installment to the United States Army's success and has played a major role in bringing about equal opportunities for all citizens of this nation; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly would like to recognize the women that were a part of this division of the United States Army by designating a Kentucky Bridge in their honor;

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 61, over the Salt River in Bullitt County, as the "Women's Army Corps Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.