

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Kentucky Route 1448 in Mason County, from United States Highway 62 to Kentucky Route 9, as the "First Responders Highway Buffalo Trace Region."

WHEREAS, thousands of Kentuckians have benefited from the brave and courageous service of first responders across this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the police, fire, emergency medical service, and public health personnel, who are commonly known as first responders, work tirelessly and selflessly for the residents of this Commonwealth, regardless of any personal peril and hazard; and

WHEREAS, the men and women who bravely serve as first responders find themselves on the front lines of homeland defense in the war against terrorism; and

WHEREAS, first responders are called upon to risk their lives every day serving the residents of this Commonwealth in the event of natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical service workers respond to and treat many life-threatening emergencies, from traumatic injuries and strokes to cardiac arrest; and

WHEREAS, both volunteer and career firefighters provide critical fire prevention safety and education, fire suppression, automobile accident response, and search and rescue and hazardous material response, and often provide emergency medical services when needed at the scene; and

WHEREAS, police officers protect our lives and properties, prevent and detect crimes, and ensure justice; and

WHEREAS, first responders make personal sacrifices in order to keep this Commonwealth safe and sometimes make the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty to ensure the well-being of the residents of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly would like to recognize these men and women for their critical role in protecting and ensuring public safety for all in the Commonwealth by designating a Kentucky highway in their honor;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1448 in Mason County, from United States Highway 62 to Kentucky Route 9, as the "First Responders Highway Buffalo Trace Region," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this legislation.