

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the "Camp Jefferson Memorial Bridge" in Hart County.

WHEREAS, the Bacon Creek Historical Society has made it its mission to rediscover the rich heritage that exists throughout Bonnieville and the Bacon Creek area, preserve that heritage, and present it to residents and travelers alike; and

WHEREAS, in May 2011, Kimmy Cook, President of the Bacon Creek Historical Society, received the Rookie of the Year Award from the Kentucky Museum and Heritage Alliance for his work on the lost Civil War history of Bacon Creek Station in present-day Bonnieville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook's efforts found first-hand accounts of John Hunt Morgan's first engagement of the war, and also the number of engagements and actions that were fought at Bacon Creek throughout the war; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cook's extensive research led to the rediscovery of a long forgotten Union camp called Jefferson, commanded by O. M. Mitchell, that at its height in 1862 held over 40,000 Federal troops; and

WHEREAS, the efforts of Kimmy Cook and the Bacon Creek Historical Society to rediscover the lost history of the Bonnieville area should be recognized;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United States Route 31W over Bacon Creek within the city limits of Bonnieville (Bridge Number 050B00035N) as the "Camp Jefferson Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.