

A RESOLUTION encouraging the Transportation Cabinet to designate a portion of United States Highway 27 in Jessamine County as the "Jessamine County Fallen Heroes Memorial Highway."

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God."

Matthew 5:9

WHEREAS, each and every day firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement officers display acts of heroism, courage, and bravery by risking their lives in service to the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, every day each firefighter is prepared to face injury and even death to prevent injury to property and persons; and

WHEREAS, firefighting is one of the most hazardous professions and requires extensive training, strength, endurance, courage, and a selfless concern for the citizens of the Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, thousands of firefighters have died in the line of duty since the date that Benjamin Franklin founded the first volunteer fire department in 1735; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical personnel remain vigilant and readily available to respond to emergency situations, alongside firefighters and law enforcement, where the lives of citizens are at stake; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical personnel respond to and treat many life-threatening emergencies, from traumatic injuries and strokes to cardiac arrest, often saving lives that would have otherwise been lost; and

WHEREAS, emergency medical personnel have dedicated many hours in pursuit of bringing comfort and healing to the sick and injured, often in disregard of their own personal safety; and

WHEREAS, in 1962, President John Fitzgerald Kennedy signed a Joint Resolution establishing the calendar week of each year during which May 15 occurs as "Police Week"; and

WHEREAS, our law enforcement officers are charged with pursuing justice and protecting the communities of our Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, city, county, and state law enforcement officers across the Commonwealth serve the people of Kentucky with dignity and integrity; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement officers selflessly serve the communities of the Commonwealth, even at the risk of their own personal safety; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly hereby expresses strong support for firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement officers across the Commonwealth for their efforts to build safer communities; and

WHEREAS, the General Assembly recognizes the members of the law enforcement, firefighting, and emergency medical communities for their commitment, service, and selfless acts of bravery; and

WHEREAS, the senseless tragic end of any life in those groups of previously mentioned heroes leaves a void that cannot be filled, and the General Assembly sees fit to acknowledge that those who have made the ultimate sacrifice should be remembered and honored; and

WHEREAS, in that spirit, it is indeed fitting and appropriate that this Commonwealth offer a lasting, tangible tribute to the memory of fallen firefighters, emergency medical personnel, and law enforcement officers--our fallen heroes--no matter how inadequate it might be;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is encouraged to designate United States Highway 27 in Jessamine County, from mile point 1.230 to the Fayette County line, as the "Jessamine County Fallen Heroes Memorial Highway," and erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.