

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of Kentucky Route 191 in Morgan County in honor and memory of Lance Corporal Joe Roger Melczek.

WHEREAS, LCpl Joe Roger Melczek was born on February 11, 1947, in Insko, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, during the Vietnam War, LCpl Joe Roger Melczek chose to defend his country by joining the United States Marines, where he was a rifleman; and

WHEREAS, on December 13, 1967, LCpl Joe Roger Melczek began a tour in Vietnam serving with K Company, 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1968, while in the Quang Tri Province in South Vietnam, LCpl Joe Roger Melczek was killed in action when he sustained wounds from artillery rocket or mortar fire; and

WHEREAS, for his bravery and sacrifice to his country, LCpl Joe Roger Melczek received the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 191 in Morgan County, from the Cannel City School to the Wolfe County line, as the "LCpl Joe Roger Melczek Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.