

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge on United States Highway 31E in
2 Allen County in honor and memory of Titus Elijah Morris.

3 WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris was born on June 2, 1981, the cherished son of
4 Jimmy and Sharon Morris; and

5 WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris was a Highway Equipment Operator IV with the
6 Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. He had been employed with the Cabinet for 15 years;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris tragically departed this earthly life on December
9 22, 2015, after being struck by a vehicle while performing his job in Allen County; and

10 WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris is deeply missed by his family, friends, and all
11 those whose lives he touched with his graciousness and passion for life; and

12 WHEREAS, Titus Elijah Morris was preceded in death by his grandfather, Willard
13 Taylor, and his nephew, Samuel Smith. He is survived by his parents; grandparents,
14 Martha Taylor and Forrest and Martha Morris; sisters, Tiffany Westbrook and her
15 husband, Roger, Tonya Bradford and her husband, Lenny, and Tabitha Smith and her
16 husband, Joshua; brother, Trey Morris and his wife, Cary; and many nieces and nephews
17 who miss his presence in their lives; and

18 WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has seen fit to honor various
19 Kentuckians by naming portions of state highways and erecting commemorative roadway
20 signs in their honor; and

21 WHEREAS, these Kentuckians have come from all walks of life, held a multitude
22 of jobs, and had a variety of accomplishments that made them deserving of the honor; and

23 WHEREAS, these individuals have included former Governors, former members of
24 the General Assembly, decorated veterans, slain law enforcement officers, local elected
25 officials, astronauts, doctors, educators, distinguished athletes, and civic leaders; and

26 WHEREAS, every citizen of the Commonwealth owes a great debt of gratitude to
27 the patriotic men and women killed and wounded in service to their country in times of

1 great need; and

2 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has often honored the veterans of this state by
3 naming portions of several roads, from interstates to small two-lane country roads, in
4 their honor; and

5 WHEREAS, the General Assembly again sees fit to honor a group of individuals
6 who have made the lives of their fellow Kentuckians better and brought honor and respect
7 to the Commonwealth;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the bridge
11 on United States Highway 31E in Allen County, at West Bays Fork Creek between
12 United States Highway 231 and Kentucky Route 101, as the "Titus Elijah Morris
13 Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect
14 the appropriate signage.

15 ➔Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United
16 States Highway 119 near mile marker 35 in the City of Cumberland, as the "Reecie
17 Stagnolia, Jr. Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
18 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

19 ➔Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
20 Route 2030 in Floyd County as the "Will Carroll Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30
21 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this
22 designation.

23 ➔Section 4. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 39 in
24 Pulaski County, as the "Marshall Davenport Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30
25 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

26 ➔Section 5. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, the
27 Transportation Cabinet shall erect permanent signs on United States Route 68 entering

1 Barren County that denote Barren County as the birthplace of two recipients of the Medal
2 of Honor, Sergeant William L. Day, and Corporal Richard E. Bush.

3 →Section 6. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky
4 Route 122 in Floyd County, from mile-point 25.965 to mile-point 27.479, as the "Debbie
5 Ann Ferguson Hall Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of
6 this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

7 →Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of
8 Keith Whitley by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route
9 23 along the Lawrence County line, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
10 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

11 →Section 8. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 3414 on
12 the Left Fork of Long Fork from Petty's Fork to Sycamore Branch in Pike County as the
13 "Walker "Hayes" Bentley Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective
14 date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

15 →Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
16 Route 3414 in Pike County, near Petty's Fork on the Left Fork of Long Fork, as the:

17 "Pvt. Clyde Bentley Memorial Bridge
18 Casualty of WWII"

19 and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate
20 signage.

21 →Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall add an indication on the signs
22 naming the "Clarence Edward Tackett" and "Billy Wayne Bridgeman" bridges in Virgie,
23 Kentucky, to indicate their status as casualties of the Vietnam War and shall, within 30
24 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

25 →Section 11. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of United
26 States Highway 610 in Pike County as the "Cpl. Don "Donnie Mac" McClelland Justice
27 Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution,

1 erect the appropriate signage.

2 ➔Section 12. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of
3 Don Rigsby by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23
4 in Greenup County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution,
5 erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

6 ➔Section 13. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway
7 460 in Franklin County, from mile-point 0.0 to mile-point 1.2, as the "Reverend Wallace
8 Kent Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
9 Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.