

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to erect signs  
2 honoring Bobby Watson, legendary basketball coach and member of the Kentucky  
3 Athletic Hall of Fame.

4           WHEREAS, Bobby Watson graduated from Owensboro High School in 1948,  
5 where he was a standout player on the Red Devils' 1948 State Tournament team; and

6           WHEREAS, Bobby Watson later played basketball at the University of Kentucky,  
7 becoming the fifth player in Wildcat history to score 1,000 points in his career; and

8           WHEREAS, Bobby Watson was twice named to the All-Southeastern Conference  
9 first team, was named an All-American in 1952, and was a key member of the Wildcats'  
10 1951 NCAA Championship team; and

11           WHEREAS, after college, Bobby Watson served in the United States Air Force  
12 during the Korean War; and

13           WHEREAS, Bobby Watson played one season in the National Basketball  
14 Association with the Milwaukee Bucks before his career was cut short by injury; and

15           WHEREAS, Bobby Watson then returned home to Owensboro, becoming coach at  
16 his alma mater, Owensboro High School, in 1957 and continuing in that position until  
17 1980; and

18           WHEREAS, quite simply, Bobby Watson was one of the greatest coaches in the  
19 storied annals of Kentucky high school basketball; in his 23 years as coach, his Red  
20 Devils won 18 District championships, 14 Regional championships, and two state titles,  
21 in 1972 and 1980; and

22           WHEREAS, Bobby Watson was inducted into the Kentucky High School Athletic  
23 Hall of Fame, the Kentucky High School Basketball Hall of Fame, the Owensboro Hall of  
24 Fame, the Owensboro High School Hall of Achievement, the Kentucky Athletic Hall of  
25 Fame, and the Owensboro Walk of Fame; and.

26           WHEREAS, Bobby Watson is survived by his wife of 60 years, Diane Hunt  
27 Watson; his daughter, Shawn Watson Martin; and his son, Ted Watson;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3           ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall erect honorary signs on Kentucky  
4           Route 2831 between 17th Street and 20th Street in Owensboro that read, "Owensboro  
5           High School, Home of 2-Time State Champion Basketball Coach and Hall of Fame  
6           Member Bobby Watson." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at  
7           least one year from the date the signs were erected.