

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge in Leslie County in honor and
2 memory of World War II Veteran and former Prisoner of War, Corporal Gordon Jones.

3 WHEREAS, Gordon Jones was a Corporal in the United States Army during World
4 War II; and

5 WHEREAS, Corporal Gordon Jones was a native of Leslie County prior to enlisting
6 on April 9, 1942, at the age of 29; and

7 WHEREAS, Corporal Gordon Jones fought in the European-African-Middle
8 Eastern Theater and was a member of the 805 Tank Destroyer Battalion; and

9 WHEREAS, on Feb. 14, 1943, less than one year after enlisting, Corporal Gordon
10 Jones was wounded in action and his unit was captured by Nazis and sent to Stalag 3B,
11 near Fuerstenberg, Prussia where 4,222 other American POWs were held; and

12 WHEREAS, Corporal Gordon Jones endured 834 grueling days in a German
13 internment camp as a Prisoner of War; and

14 WHEREAS, in May of 1945, Corporal Gordon Jones was liberated and he was
15 discharged from the United States Army on June 4, 1945; and

16 WHEREAS, as a result of his bravery, Corporal Gordon Jones received numerous
17 medals including a Purple Heart; and

18 WHEREAS, after his service with the United States Army, Corporal Gordon Jones
19 returned to Leslie County where he worked both as a carpenter and a mail carrier; and

20 WHEREAS, Corporal Gordon Jones was married to his wife Stella, and together
21 they had one daughter, Yvonne Jones;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
25 Route 80 in Leslie County near Kentucky Route 1807, as the "Corporal Gordon Jones
26 Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect
27 the appropriate signage.