

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Greenup County Korean War Veterans
2 Memorial Bridge.

3 WHEREAS, on June 25, 1950, North Korea invaded South Korea, thus starting the
4 three-year Korean War; and

5 WHEREAS, on June 27, 1950, President Harry S. Truman ordered United States air
6 and naval forces to help defend South Korea, and the United Nations asked member
7 nations to aid South Korea; and

8 WHEREAS, on June 30, 1950, President Truman ordered United States ground
9 forces to South Korea, and General Douglas MacArthur was assigned as the commander
10 of the United Nations forces; and

11 WHEREAS, thousands of Americans served faithfully on the frozen fields and
12 mountains of the Korean peninsula. During the course of the war, 54,246 United States
13 military personnel were killed, 103,284 were wounded, and 8,177 were taken prisoner of
14 war or reported missing in action; and

15 WHEREAS, 886 Kentucky military personnel lost their lives in the Korean War.
16 There are still 208 Kentuckians whose bodies have not been found, recovered, identified,
17 and brought home from the Korean War to their families; and

18 WHEREAS, the Korean War ended on July 27, 1953, when the United Nations and
19 North Korea signed an armistice agreement; and

20 WHEREAS, although it provided a backdrop for the hit television series
21 "M*A*S*H", the war that witnessed the heroism of the "Frozen Chosen" has not been
22 immortalized in film and song like other 20th Century conflicts; and

23 WHEREAS, South Korea remains a bastion of democracy and freedom these many
24 years later, contains the largest Christian churches in the world, and is one of Asia's most
25 vibrant economies; and

26 WHEREAS, Kentucky Korean War veterans are passing away at an alarming rate,
27 with 2013 statistics showing 32,422 living Kentucky Korean War veterans; and

1 WHEREAS, although the Korean War is termed by some as a "Police Action," it
2 was in fact a vicious and bloody war for those who valiantly fought in it; and

3 WHEREAS, the Korean War is often called "The Forgotten War" because many of
4 our nation's Korean War veterans have been forgotten and have not received the
5 recognition that they deserve; and

6 WHEREAS, public recognition of the courage and dedicated service of Korean War
7 veterans in a tangible manner is an admirable goal, although any recognition we can
8 establish would be inadequate in comparison to the level of their sacrifice;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United
12 States Route 23 over the Little Sandy River in the city of Greenup as the "Greenup
13 County Korean War Veterans Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective
14 date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. Signs erected
15 under this section shall include the phrase "The Forgotten War."