

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Verne G. Orndorff Memorial Highway in
2 Clark County.

3 WHEREAS, Verne Glendon Orndorff, was born January 6, 1916, in rural
4 Muskingum County, outside of Zanesville, Ohio, to the late Anna Irvilla Oliver and
5 Samuel Christy Frye Orndorff; and

6 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff was a graduate of Muskingum College and Ohio State
7 University; and

8 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff was married to Mary Maxine Hannahs for 62 years
9 prior to her death; and

10 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff served during World War II with the U.S. Army Air
11 Corps as a weatherman in Australia and New Guinea; and

12 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff had a long career in public service, working in the
13 1950s with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and ultimately with the U.S. Forestry
14 Service as a landscape architect on the Daniel Boone National Forest, where his primary
15 duties were designing and laying out trails to scenic overlooks and vistas; and

16 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff's dedication and vision led to development of the
17 Sheltowee Trace, which he pioneered through Kentucky from Tennessee to West Virginia
18 -- all done on foot; and

19 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff was a member of the Fairfax Church of Christ and the
20 Thursday Men's Bible Study Group at First Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, after his retirement in the early 1980s, Verne Orndorff took on the
22 weekly mowing and landscape maintenance of the church property and golfed whenever
23 he could; and

24 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff loved to write, trying his hand at several novels, and
25 having his book *Poems for Living and Learning* published, as well as helping to form the
26 Clark County Writer's Club; and

27 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff left these earthly bounds on June 8, 2016, at the age of

1 100, survived by his two daughters, Susan Y. Wagers and Leslie E. Norton; four
2 grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and several special angels and caregivers who
3 were part of his extended family; and

4 WHEREAS, Verne Orndorff's life and legacy of service are deserving of tangible
5 recognition;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky
9 Route 9000, the Mountain Parkway in Clark County, between Kentucky Route 974 and
10 the Powell County Line, as the "Verne G. Orndorff Memorial Highway" and shall, within
11 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this
12 designation.