

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Sergeant James A. Sherrill Memorial
2 Highway in Meade County.

3 WHEREAS, James Alexander Sherrill was born November 17, 1977, a native of
4 Ekron, Meade County, Kentucky, and he traversed these earthly bounds April 3, 2005;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, James A. Sherrill was the loving son of William Sherrill and Beatrice
7 Sherrill; he was the devoted fiancé of Stephanie Blevins; he was the caring brother of
8 Taneshia Sherrill of Louisville and William "B.J." Sherrill of Ekron; he was the beloved
9 grandson of James Earl and Edna Alexander of Ekron and the late William and Rosa
10 Sherrill; and he also leaves behind many other loving family members; and

11 WHEREAS, James A. Sherrill graduated from Meade County High School in 1996,
12 where he participated in athletics; and he was a student at Elizabethtown Community
13 College; and

14 WHEREAS, James A. Sherrill enlisted in the Marines following high school; he
15 then continued his service to others by joining the Kentucky National Guard in July 2000;
16 and he was assigned to the Army National Guard's 2113th Transportation Company,
17 Paducah, Kentucky; and

18 WHEREAS, Sergeant James A. Sherrill was mobilized in December 2004 and
19 deployed to Southwest Asia in January 2005, bravely supporting Operation Iraqi
20 Freedom; and

21 WHEREAS, on April 3, 2005, the life of Sergeant James A. Sherrill ended
22 prematurely when an explosion occurred while he was escorting a convoy in an armored
23 vehicle in Bayji, Iraq; and

24 WHEREAS, Sergeant James A. Sherrill served his country with honor and
25 distinction; he was buried with full military honors; and he was posthumously awarded
26 the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Iraq Campaign
27 Medal; and

1 WHEREAS, Sergeant James A. Sherrill was highly regarded by all who knew him
2 as a joyful, kind man who enjoyed helping others; and he was interested in pursuing a
3 career in law enforcement; and

4 WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the highest respect for Sergeant
5 James A. Sherrill and is deeply grateful for the sacrifice he made for the freedom of all
6 Americans and to ensure the freedom of the Iraqi people; and

7 WHEREAS, the service and sacrifice of Sergeant James A. Sherrill deserves some
8 tangible remembrance, however inadequate it might be;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 313
12 within Meade County, from the Hardin County line to the city of Brandenburg, as the
13 "Sergeant James A. Sherrill Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective
14 date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. This designation
15 shall supersede any previous designations established for this section of highway.