

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. Memorial Bridge in  
2 Harlan County.

3           WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr., a resident of Cumberland, Kentucky, was born to  
4 the late Reecie Stagnolia, Sr. and Stella Raichel Stagnolia in Anco, Kentucky, on June 22,  
5 1936; and

6           WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. married Martha Ovana Van Hooser, and together  
7 they raised two children and celebrated 56 years of marriage; and

8           WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. served in the United States Navy and was a  
9 member of the Cumberland Missionary Baptist Church; and

10          WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. was an educator who started his career as a  
11 classroom teacher, advanced to become vice principal and then Superintendent of the  
12 Harlan County Schools, and served as the Chairman of the Board of Southeast Kentucky  
13 Community and Technical College and on the board of directors of the Southeast  
14 Education Foundation; and

15          WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. displayed leadership in local government, serving  
16 two terms on the Cumberland City Council; and

17          WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. was a community leader who served as the vice  
18 president and branch manager of the Cumberland Commercial Bank. He served on the  
19 board of the Kentucky Coal Mining Museum and the Cumberland Valley Area  
20 Development District. A community servant, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. provided leadership  
21 for numerous organizations, including the Chamber of Commerce, the Harlan County  
22 Scholarship Committee, the Cumberland Lion's Club, the Cumberland Tourism  
23 Commission, and the Sleepy Hollow Country Club; and

24          WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. departed from this earthly life on January 11,  
25 2016, at his home in Knoxville, Tennessee, leaving in solemn mourning his family and  
26 friends; and

27          WHEREAS, Reecie Stagnolia, Jr. was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, Allan

1 Van Hooser and is survived by his wife, Martha Ovana Van Hooser Stagnolia; his  
2 children, Reecie Dean Stagnolia, III and his wife, Kathi, and Carole A. McGill and her  
3 husband, Charlie; his brothers, Eugene Stagnolia and William Stagnolia; his sisters, Judi  
4 Ward and Joan Dienes; four grandchildren, Matthew Stagnolia, Kaitlyn Stagnolia, Sarah  
5 Thomas, and Carrie Beeler; four great-grandchildren, Willie, Grey, and Addy Kate  
6 Thomas and Chloe Beeler; his sister-in-law, Johnnie Carole Wilson; and a host of nieces,  
7 nephews, cousins, friends and colleagues;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United  
11 States Highway 119 near mile marker 35 in the City of Cumberland, as the "Reecie  
12 Stagnolia, Jr. Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
13 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.