

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the placement of honorary signs indicating that  
2 Barren County is the birthplace of two recipients of the Medal of Honor, Sergeant  
3 William Day and Corporal Richard Bush.

4           WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor is the United States of America's highest military  
5 honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of duty; and

6           WHEREAS, there have been 3,468 Medals of Honor awarded to the nation's  
7 soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coastguardsmen since the decoration's creation in  
8 1861, approximately 1,000 of which have been awarded since World War I; and

9           WHEREAS, dozens of Kentuckians have been awarded our nation's highest  
10 military honor, with two sons of Barren County included in that roll; and

11           WHEREAS, First Sergeant William L. Day, serving with Company E, 5th United  
12 States Cavalry during the Indian Campaign of 1872-73, was awarded the Medal of Honor  
13 for "Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches"; and

14           WHEREAS, Marine Corporal Richard Earl Bush, a native of Glasgow, received the  
15 Medal of Honor for his gallantry on Mount Yaetake on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16  
16 April, 1945; and

17           WHEREAS, Corporal Bush's award citation recounts his selfless actions on that  
18 day: "Rallying his men forward with indomitable determination, Cpl. Bush boldly defied  
19 the slashing fury of concentrated Japanese artillery fire pouring down from the gun-  
20 studded mountain fortress to lead his squad up the face of the rocky precipice, sweep over  
21 the ridge, and drive the defending troops from their deeply entrenched position. With his  
22 unit, the first to break through to the inner defense of Mount Yaetake, he fought  
23 relentlessly in the forefront of the action until seriously wounded and evacuated with  
24 others under protecting rocks. Although prostrate under medical treatment when a  
25 Japanese hand grenade landed in the midst of the group, Cpl. Bush, alert and courageous  
26 in extremity as in battle, unhesitatingly pulled the deadly missile to himself and absorbed  
27 the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his body, thereby saving his fellow

1 marines from severe injury or death despite the certain peril to his own life... His constant  
2 concern for the welfare of his men, his resolute spirit of self-sacrifice, and his unwavering  
3 devotion to duty throughout the bitter conflict enhance and sustain the highest traditions  
4 of the United States Naval Service"; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that these two sons of Barren County be  
6 remembered for their service and sacrifice to this great nation;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9 ➔Section 1. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, the  
10 Transportation Cabinet shall erect permanent signs on United States Route 68 entering  
11 Barren County that denote Barren County as the birthplace of two recipients of the Medal  
12 of Honor, Sergeant William L. Day, and Corporal Richard E. Bush.