

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Sergeant William M. Bays Memorial  
2 Highway in Todd County.

3 WHEREAS, William Bays was born October 17, 1987, in Barstow, California, the  
4 only son of Timothy and April Briggs Bays; and

5 WHEREAS, a true American patriot who loved his country with great passion,  
6 William Bays volunteered to serve in the United States Army in 2009 and attained the  
7 rank of Sergeant, serving as a squad leader with D Company, 1st Battalion, 187th Infantry  
8 Regiment, 3rd Brigade Combat Team of the 101st Airborne; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Bays was a loving and dedicated husband and father  
10 and was a member of Life Point Church who enjoyed camping, traveling, and working on  
11 cars, especially his Jeep; and

12 WHEREAS, on June 10, 2017, Sergeant William Bays and two of his fellow  
13 soldiers from the Army's 101st Airborne Division, Sergeant Eric Houck and Corporal  
14 Dillon Baldrige, were killed by fire from a Taliban member who had infiltrated an  
15 Afghan army unit; and

16 WHEREAS, the three fallen soldiers were remembered by Major General Andrew  
17 Poppas, Commanding General of the 101st Airborne Division and Fort Campbell, who  
18 said, "Today, as we grieve, our thoughts and prayers are with the families of Corporal  
19 Baldrige, Sergeant Houck, and Sergeant Bays. We take this as a family loss. In the days  
20 ahead, the 101st Soldiers and the Rakkasans will continue the fight against terrorism with  
21 unbridled determination. Our Soldiers are battle-hardened and committed to the defense  
22 of our nation and the freedoms for which we fight"; and

23 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Bays' awards and decorations included the Army  
24 Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation,  
25 Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign  
26 Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army NCO Professional  
27 Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, the NATO Medal

1 with one oak leaf cluster, the Air Assault Badge, and the Driver and Mechanic Badge;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Bays posthumously earned the Bronze Star Medal,  
4 Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, and Army Commendation Medal with one oak leaf  
5 cluster; and

6 WHEREAS, other than his parents, Sergeant William Bays is survived by his wife,  
7 Jasmin Bays; daughters, Laura, Mia, and Julia; sisters, Brenda Griner and Lindsay Bays;  
8 paternal grandmother, Doris Bays; maternal grandparents, Marshall and Lorraine Briggs;  
9 and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Regina Draeger; and

10 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this brave soldier, who paid the ultimate  
11 sacrifice in defense of his country, be recognized in some tangible way, no matter how  
12 inadequate that recognition might be; and

13 WHEREAS, from time to time, the General Assembly has seen fit to honor various  
14 Kentuckians by naming portions of state highways and erecting commemorative roadway  
15 signs in their honor; and

16 WHEREAS, these Kentuckians have come from all walks of life, held a multitude  
17 of jobs, and had a variety of accomplishments that made them deserving of the honor; and

18 WHEREAS, these individuals have included former Governors, former members of  
19 the General Assembly, decorated veterans, slain law enforcement officers, local elected  
20 officials, astronauts, doctors, educators, distinguished athletes, and civic leaders; and

21 WHEREAS, every citizen of the Commonwealth owes a great debt of gratitude to  
22 the patriotic men and women killed and wounded in service to their country in times of  
23 great need; and

24 WHEREAS, the General Assembly has often honored the veterans of this state by  
25 naming portions of several roads, from interstates to small two-lane country roads, in  
26 their honor; and

27 WHEREAS, the General Assembly again sees fit to honor a group of individuals

1 who have made the lives of their fellow Kentuckians better and brought honor and respect  
2 to the Commonwealth;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United  
6 States Route 79 in Todd County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 848, at mile  
7 point 3.973, to the intersection with Kentucky Route 102, at mile point 8.729, as the  
8 "Sergeant William M. Bays Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the  
9 effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

10 ➔Section 2. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1780 in  
11 Leslie County, from its intersection with Saylor Branch Road to its intersection with Salt  
12 Trace Branch Road, as "Cpl. Edward Caldwell Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30  
13 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

14 ➔Section 3. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 406 in  
15 Leslie County, from the community of Essie, to its intersection with United States  
16 Highway 421, as the "PFC Edmond Osborne Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30  
17 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

18 ➔Section 4. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of Kentucky  
19 Route 10, in Campbell County, at Alexandria, from Persimmon Grove Pike to Carthage  
20 Road, as the "Senior Master Sergeant Jeremy Nelson Memorial Highway," and shall,  
21 within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

22 ➔Section 5. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
23 Route 87 over Line Creek in Monroe County, Bridge Number 086B00046N, as the "Billy  
24 Murphy Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
25 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

26 ➔Section 6. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Molly  
27 Matney by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 314 in Metcalfe County, at mile point 3.241

1 and mile point 6.463, that read "Home of Molly Matney, 2017 Miss Kentucky." The  
2 signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall  
3 remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

4 ➔Section 7. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the Bridge  
5 on Kentucky Highway 61 over Middle Creek at the LaRue/Hardin County line as the  
6 "Master Chief Petty Officer Carl Maxie Brashear Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30  
7 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting the  
8 designation.

9 ➔Section 8. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of Kentucky  
10 Route 32 in Rowan County, from the intersection with United States Route 60 at mile  
11 point 8.439 to the intersection with Messer Road at mile point 11.207, as the "Jennifer B.  
12 Skaggs Memorial Highway", and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
13 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. This designation shall  
14 supersede any previous honorary designations placed on this portion of highway.

15 ➔Section 9. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Roby Mullins  
16 by erecting a sign on United States Route 150 at the Boyle County/Lincoln County line  
17 that reads "Home of Roby Mullins, 2017 NASP State Overall Archery Champion." The  
18 sign shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, and shall  
19 remain in place for at least one year from the date of its placement.

20 ➔Section 10. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
21 Route 274 over the Little River at mile point 3.118 in Trigg County as "Mershon's  
22 Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect  
23 appropriate signs denoting this designation. This designation shall supersede any previous  
24 honorary designations for this bridge.

25 ➔Section 11. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 274 in  
26 Trigg County, from the intersection with United States Route 68X (mile point 0) to the  
27 intersection with Carl Gray Road and Goose Hollow Road (mile point 8.92), as the "John

1 E. Woodruff Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
2 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

3 ➔Section 12. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky  
4 Route 236 in Boone and Kenton Counties, from the intersection with Kentucky Route  
5 3076 in Boone County (mile point 1.594) to the intersection with Baker Street in Kenton  
6 County (mile point 2.007) as the "H. Gordon Martin Memorial Highway" and shall,  
7 within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting  
8 this designation.

9 ➔Section 13. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate  
10 Kentucky Route 100 in Allen County, from mile point 15.2 to mile point 15.4, as the  
11 "Jeffrey P. Anderson Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date  
12 of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage.

13 ➔Section 14. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Elaine "Bae  
14 Bae" Avaneil Smith by erecting a sign on United States Route 27 at the Lincoln  
15 County/Garrard County line that reads "Home Of Elaine 'Bae Bae' Avaneil Smith, 2017  
16 Young Miss Kentucky, MKTA." The sign shall be erected within 30 days of the effective  
17 date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of its  
18 placement.

19 ➔Section 15. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate  
20 Kentucky Route 10 in Greenup County, from mile point 1.897 to mile point 3.554, as the  
21 "WWI Veteran Spencer T. Carter Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the  
22 effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

23 ➔Section 16. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky  
24 Route 204 in Whitley County, from mile marker 7 to mile marker 10, "Canadatown  
25 Road" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate  
26 signs denoting this designation.

27 ➔Section 17. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route

1 41A in Webster County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 120 at mile point  
2 1.194 to the intersection with Kentucky Route 132 at mile point 10.010 as the "Dr.  
3 Wayne C. Cole Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
4 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

5 ➔Section 18. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate bridge number  
6 048B00103N on Kentucky Route 987 in Harlan County, at Smith Lake Beach, near mile  
7 marker 13, as the "Sgt. William 'Bill' Stevens Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30  
8 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

9 ➔Section 19. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor the Lynn Camp  
10 High School Cheer Team by placing honorary signs on United States Highway 25E, at the  
11 Knox County/Bell County line and the Knox County/Laurel County line that read, "Home  
12 of the Lynn Camp HS Cheer Team, 2018 All "A" State Champions." The signs shall be  
13 erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place  
14 for at least one year from the date of their placement.

15 ➔Section 20. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United  
16 States Highway 31E in Nelson County, near its intersection with Whitesides Road, as the  
17 "Howard Cheek Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
18 Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

19 ➔Section 21. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
20 Route 234 in Warren County, on Cemetery Road that spans Drake's Creek, as the "John  
21 M. Donoho (Infant) Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of  
22 this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

23 ➔Section 22. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate the  
24 bridge on Kentucky Route 1088, at the Perry County/Knott County line as the "George H.  
25 Gayheart Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
26 Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

27 ➔Section 23. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky

1 Route 72, in Harlan County, from mile point 0 to mile point 2, as the "Staff Sergeant Bird  
2 Hensley Jr. Missing in Action Korean War Veteran Memorial Highway" and shall, within  
3 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage. This  
4 designation shall supersede any previous honorary designation of this section of highway.

5 ➔Section 24. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Clarence  
6 "Soc" Clay by erecting signs at the city limits of South Shore, on United States Route 23,  
7 in Greenup County, that read "Home of Clarence 'Soc' Clay, 1984 Kentucky Poet  
8 Laureate." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this  
9 Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the date of their placement.

10 ➔Section 25. The Transportation Cabinet shall, upon the completion of necessary  
11 upgrades and final approval from the Federal Highway Administration to include the  
12 William H. Natcher Parkway as part of the interstate highway system, designate the road  
13 as the "William H. Natcher Expressway" and within 30 days of federal approval, erect  
14 appropriate signs.

15 ➔Section 26. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
16 Route 30 in Magoffin County, just west of Mill Branch Road, as the "Paul W. Rowe  
17 Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect  
18 the appropriate signage.

19 ➔Section 27. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 160,  
20 from the entrance to Benham to the bridge by the Benham Post Office, in Harlan County,  
21 as the "SP4 Bobby Lewis Manuel Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the  
22 effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

23 ➔Section 28. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United  
24 States Route 421 in Harlan County, near the Grays Knob Bible Church, as the "WT1  
25 James Thomas Allen Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of  
26 this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

27 ➔Section 29. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to honor Robert Boyd

1 Holbrook by erecting signs on Kentucky Route 194, near Goebel Branch Road, in Floyd  
2 County, that read "Home of Boyd Holbrook." The signs shall be erected within 30 days of  
3 the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year from the  
4 date of their placement.

5 ➔Section 30. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
6 Route 15 at Kentucky Route 451, in Perry County, as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge,"  
7 and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage  
8 denoting this designation.

9 ➔Section 31. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate United  
10 States Highway 41 in Christian County, from its intersection with Interstate 169 to its  
11 intersection with United States Highway 68 Bypass, as the "Herb Covington Memorial  
12 Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the  
13 appropriate signage.

14 ➔Section 32. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
15 Route 66 in Bell County, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 2011, as the "Ted  
16 Rodney Collett Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
17 Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

18 ➔Section 33. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
19 Route 159 in Pendleton County over Kincaid Creek, bridge number 096BN0045N, as the  
20 "William 'Bill' Ashcraft Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date  
21 of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

22 ➔Section 34. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective  
23 date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs on Kentucky Route 17 at the intersections  
24 with United States Route 27 and Kentucky Route 1853 that read, "Home of Nate Jones,  
25 Major League Baseball Player, Chicago White Sox, 2012-Present." The signs erected  
26 under this section shall remain in place for at least one year.

27 ➔Section 35. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United

1 States Route 60 in Carter County over the Little Sandy River, bridge number  
2 022B00063N, as the "Dr. H.E. Shufflebarger Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days  
3 of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

4 ➔Section 36. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
5 Route 474 in Carter County over Smith Creek, bridge number 022B00168N, as the  
6 "Vernie and Mary Ellen Oakley Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the  
7 effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

8 ➔Section 37. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective  
9 date of this Resolution, honor the accomplishments of Kelsie May by erecting an  
10 honorary sign on Kentucky Route 3 in Lawrence County, near the intersection with  
11 United States Route 23 at the city limits of Louisa, that reads "Home of Kelsie May,  
12 Country Music Singer." The sign erected under this section shall remain in place for at  
13 least one year.

14 ➔Section 38. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
15 Route 1417 in Bullitt County over Knob Creek, bridge number 015B00100N, as the  
16 "James D. 'Boss' Shepherd Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective  
17 date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.

18 ➔Section 39. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
19 Route 90 in Wayne County over Otter Creek, bridge number 11600036N, as the "Hiram  
20 Bruce 'Bud' Grayer Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of  
21 this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.

22 ➔Section 40. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective  
23 date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs on United States Route 127 in Boyle County,  
24 at the city limits of Danville, that read "Home of D'mauriae Vancleave, 2017 Kentucky  
25 Mr. Football." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at least one  
26 year.

27 ➔Section 41. The Transportation Cabinet shall, within 30 days of the effective

1 date of this Resolution, erect honorary signs on United States Route 127 in Boyle County,  
2 at the Mercer and Lincoln County lines, that read "Home of Boyle County Rebels, 2017  
3 KHSAA Class 3A Football Champions and Danville Admirals, 2017 KHSAA Class 2A  
4 Football Champions." The signs erected under this section shall remain in place for at  
5 least one year.

6 →Section 42. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate  
7 Kentucky Route 946 in Menifee County as the "Gary Collins Memorial Highway," and  
8 shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate  
9 signage.

10 →Section 43. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate  
11 Kentucky Route 746 in Menifee County as the "Sgt. Bill Ratliff Memorial Highway," and  
12 shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate  
13 signage.

14 →Section 44. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of United  
15 States Route 60 in Rowan County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 32 at mile  
16 point 9.683 to the intersection with Kentucky Route 799 at mile point 12.856, as the "Sgt.  
17 James J. Harlan Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
18 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation. This designation shall  
19 supersede any previous honorary designations placed on this portion of highway.