

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge in Harlan County in honor and
2 memory of Sergeant William Stevens.

3 WHEREAS, William Stevens was born May 22, 1931, in Smith, Kentucky; and

4 WHEREAS, William Stevens, with his parents' permission, enlisted in the United
5 States Army when he was 17 years old; and

6 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Stevens completed basic combat training at Fort
7 Knox, Kentucky and then completed advanced infantry training and jump school at the
8 United States Army Airborne School at Fort Benning Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Stevens was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division
10 at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

11 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Stevens was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion
12 187th Regimental Combat Team for duty in Korea; and

13 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Stevens was seriously wounded on March 27, 1951,
14 during a fire fight with the North Koreans at Parun-Ni Hill 228, and died from those
15 wounds later that same day ; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant William Stevens was awarded the Bronze Star, the Purple
17 Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge, Airborne Jump Wings with two Bronze Stars, the
18 Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Korean War Service
19 Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation; and

20 WHEREAS, the General Assembly sees fit to honor the bravery and sacrifice of
21 Sergeant William Stevens by designating a bridge in his honor and memory;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate bridge number
25 048B00103N on Kentucky Route 987 in Harlan County, at Smith Lake Beach, near mile
26 marker 13, as the "Sgt. William 'Bill' Stevens Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30
27 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.