

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge in Nelson County in honor and
2 memory of Howard Cheek.

3 WHEREAS, Howard Hillary Cheek was born March 15th, 1916, to Warren and
4 Ollie Belle McClain Cheek; and

5 WHEREAS, Howard Cheek's father, Warren, died when Howard was 12 years old.
6 Howard Cheek had to quit school to help provide for his family. He worked as a tenant
7 farmer, milking cows for David Wakefield, in Spencer County; and

8 WHEREAS, in November of 1937, Howard Cheek married Mary E. Brookshire;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, in 1949, Howard Cheek and his wife, along with Howard's brother,
11 purchased 211 acres of land in Nelson County. Howard Cheek used his land to open a
12 dairy farm. In 1960, Howard and his wife took full ownership; and

13 WHEREAS, eventually, the Cheek name was highly recognized and respected
14 around the area within the fields of dairy and agriculture. At one point in time, Howard
15 Cheek owned one of the two largest dairies in Nelson County; and

16 WHEREAS, Howard Cheek and his wife Mary together had three sons that grew up
17 working and living the farm lifestyle; and

18 WHEREAS, as time progressed, Howard Cheek's dairy farm had leased several
19 bulls to bull studs for their high quality semen, which could then be sold all over the
20 United States; and

21 WHEREAS, Howard Cheek's dedication to agriculture and dairy farming expanded
22 beyond his businesses. Howard served Nelson County as a delegate during many dairy
23 farm conventions, served on the Agricultural and Stabilization Conservation Service
24 Committee during the 1960's, and was very active with the Farm Bureau; and

25 WHEREAS, Howard Cheek and his family attended and were members of Cox's
26 Creek Baptist Church; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1994, Howard Cheek departed these earthly bounds. During his

1 time as a dairy farmer, Howard Cheek received numerous awards and honors and his
2 name is still mentioned with distinction and respect. It is only fitting that the General
3 Assembly honor his life and memory;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United
7 States Highway 31E in Nelson County, near its intersection with Whitesides Road, as the
8 "Howard Cheek Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
9 Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.