

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge on United States Route 421 in
2 Harlan County in honor of Water Tender First Class James Thomas Allen.

3 WHEREAS, James Thomas Allen grew up and attended elementary school in the
4 Chevrolet and Grays Knob communities of Harlan County; and

5 WHEREAS, James Thomas Allen attended Hall High School in Grays Knob; and

6 WHEREAS, Water Tender First Class James Thomas Allen served in the United
7 States Navy in World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Water Tender First Class James Thomas Allen lost his life aboard the
9 USS Bunker Hill, along with 346 sailors and airmen, on May 11, 1945, when two
10 Japanese kamikaze pilots dropped two bombs on the ship during the invasion of
11 Okinawa; and

12 WHEREAS, Water Tender First Class James Thomas Allen and the other fallen
13 sailors and airmen were buried at sea; and

14 WHEREAS, the United States Navy placed a monument in honor of Water Tender
15 First Class James Thomas Allen at the Honolulu Memorial, Honolulu County, Hawaii;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, through this designation, the General Assembly sees fit to honor the
18 bravery and sacrifice of Water Tender First Class James Thomas Allen by designating a
19 bridge in his honor and memory;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United
23 States Route 421 in Harlan County, near the Grays Knob Bible Church, as the "WT1
24 James Thomas Allen Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of
25 this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.