

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Billy Murphy Memorial Bridge in Monroe
2 County.

3 WHEREAS, Billy Bedford Murphy was born September 29, 1940, the son of Nina
4 and Allie Murphy; and

5 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy graduated from Gamaliel High School in 1958, and was a
6 standout basketball player at the school; and

7 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy attended Western Kentucky University, where he played
8 on the freshman basketball team, and later transferred to Campbellsville College, receiving
9 his degree in 1971; and

10 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy returned to his alma mater to teach and coach both
11 basketball (from 1972-1985) and football (for seven years); and

12 WHEREAS, after consolidation of Gamaliel and Tompkinsville High Schools in
13 1985, Billy Murphy was the first basketball coach of the Monroe County Falcons; and

14 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy led the Falcons to a district championship in their first
15 year of existence; and

16 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy also served as a Monroe County Magistrate and was a
17 member of the Gamaliel Baptist Church; and

18 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy was the loving husband of Betty Jo (Holland) Murphy,
19 and proud father of two sons, Joe and Bradley; and

20 WHEREAS, at the age of 45, Billy Murphy was tragically killed in an automobile
21 accident on April 20, 1986, leaving behind his family, school, and community shocked and
22 saddened by the sudden and senseless loss of a good man much too early; and

23 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy was one of eight inductees in the inaugural class of the
24 Monroe County Athletic Hall of Fame in 2017; and

25 WHEREAS, Billy Murphy should be honored and remembered for a life well lived,
26 and for his service to the people of Monroe County;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

2 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the Bridge on Kentucky
3 Route 87 over Line Creek in Monroe County (Bridge Number 086B00046N), as the
4 "Billy Murphy Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
5 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.