

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the placement of a sign on the Country Music
2 Highway in Pike County in honor of Charlie Justice.

3 WHEREAS, Charlie Justice was born May 9, 1935, in Yeager, Kentucky, to
4 Manville and Minta Justice; and

5 WHEREAS, when he was 12 years old, his father gave his fiddle to Charlie; and

6 WHEREAS, according to Charlie's brother Jimmy, it was none other than bluegrass
7 fiddle player Kenny Baker that showed Charlie Justice the first lick on a fiddle that he ever
8 learned; and

9 WHEREAS, after playing in local area bands, in the 1950s, Charlie Justice moved to
10 Florida and continued playing live gigs; and

11 WHEREAS, while in Miami, Florida, Charlie Justice played in a band with Charlie
12 McCoy and Donny Lytle. Donny Lytle would eventually become better known as Johnny
13 Paycheck; and

14 WHEREAS, while in Florida, Charlie Justice received a call from Ray Price with an
15 offer to join his band. Reluctant at first to relocate his family, Justice eventually took the
16 offer and relocated to Nashville; and

17 WHEREAS, while in Nashville, Charlie Justice ran into Johnny Paycheck, who was
18 playing steel guitar for George Jones at the time. Paycheck asked Justice to audition for
19 Jones, which Justice did and was subsequently hired by Jones; and

20 WHEREAS, Charlie Justice also worked with Johnny Paycheck, who released some
21 singles while still working with George Jones. Justice worked on Paycheck's song "A-11."
22 Charlie Justice's brother Jimmy says that the song had only one take, and Charlie and the
23 steel guitarist Sonny Curtis were said to have "one of the most distinctive kick-offs in
24 country music history"; and

25 WHEREAS, during the course of his musical career in Nashville, Charlie Justice
26 played fiddle for several artists, including Mel Tillis, Connie Smith, and Ray Price, just to
27 name a few; and

1 WHEREAS, during the George Jones and Tammy Wynette tours, Charlie Justice
2 would play fiddle for Jones and then switch to rhythm guitar for Wynette; and

3 WHEREAS, Charlie Justice was a member of the Nashville Music Association,
4 AFM Local 257, since October of 1963; and

5 WHEREAS, after moving from Nashville to Virginia, Charlie Justice worked at Air
6 Contact Transport until retirement; and

7 WHEREAS, on February 7, 2017, Charlie Justice traversed these earthly bounds,
8 leaving behind his wife of 43 years, Janet C. Justice; a brother, Jimmy Justice; a
9 granddaughter, Erin Meteyer; and numerous other family members; and Charlie Justice
10 was preceded in death by his daughter Sheri Meteyer;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the life and accomplishments
14 of Charlie Justice by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route
15 23 in Pike County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect
16 appropriate signs.