

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to erect honorary  
2 signs declaring Daviess County as "The Home of Katie Bouchard, Miss Kentucky 2018."

3 WHEREAS, on June 30, 2018, Katie Bouchard was crowned Miss Kentucky 2018  
4 at the Singletary Center for the Arts in Lexington, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Katie Bouchard is the cherished daughter of Michael and Amy  
6 Bouchard, and a native of Owensboro. She is a graduate of Western Kentucky University-  
7 Owensboro, where she earned a degree in social work. Miss Bouchard is also a graduate  
8 of Western Kentucky University's Economic Development through Guidance Education  
9 (EDGE) Professional Development Program and their Dynamic Leadership Institute; and

10 WHEREAS, Katie Bouchard has been dedicated to serving her community for quite  
11 some time. While in high school Miss Bouchard created an Eye Foundation Project to  
12 help spread the gift of sight throughout the world. Through Family Resource Centers, she  
13 encourages school children to recycle their used eyeglasses. She then collaborates with  
14 the Daviess County Lions Club and the Kentucky Eye Foundation to refurbish and  
15 distribute the glasses in countries where there is a need for vision care; and

16 WHEREAS, Katie Bouchard is the youngest board member of Cinderella's Closet  
17 of Western Kentucky, where they "Turn Dresses into Dreams," for deserving young  
18 women. In 2013, Miss Bouchard started a children's library at the Daniel Pitino Shelter  
19 and to date has donated over 2,400 books to the shelter. She also interned at Owensboro  
20 High School's Youth Service Center and the Daviess County High School's Youth  
21 Service Centers; and

22 WHEREAS, Katie Bouchard has been recognized for her public service on local,  
23 state, and national levels, including being named a Kentucky Colonel, a 2016 and 2017  
24 Heather Renee French Henry Quality of Life Finalist, the 2015 Kentucky Humanitarian  
25 Award, 2014 International Lions Clubs President's Certification of Appreciation and  
26 Recognition of Distinguished Achievement, Kentucky Lions Eye Foundation Outstanding  
27 Community Service Award, and Daviess County Lions Club Community Service Award;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Katie Bouchard competed as Miss Jefferson County on the platform  
3 "Being the Voice of Kentucky's Children," through which she advocates for the Family  
4 Resource and Youth Service Centers across the Commonwealth; and

5 WHEREAS, in addition to earning an \$18,000 scholarship for winning Miss  
6 Kentucky 2018, Ms. Bouchard earned the coveted opportunity to go on to compete in the  
7 Miss America pageant in Atlantic City on September 9, 2018.; and

8 WHEREAS, Katie Bouchard is an extraordinary young woman who has represented  
9 her community with the utmost integrity, elegance, and charm and has brought  
10 tremendous honor and pride to her family and fellow citizens by her many achievements;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to honor Katie Bouchard by  
14 placing honorary signs on United States Highway 231 at the Daviess County/Ohio County  
15 line, and on Kentucky Route 54 near its intersection with Kentucky Route 1456 that read  
16 "Home of Katie Bouchard, Miss Kentucky 2018." The signs shall be erected within 30  
17 days of the effective date of this Resolution and shall remain in place for at least one year  
18 from the date of their placement.