

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of a Kentucky Route 144 in Daviess  
2 County in honor and memory of Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon.

3           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon was an Owensboro native who  
4 attended Owensboro Catholic High School. He joined the United States Marine Corps on  
5 July 5, 1967; and

6           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon was a machine gunner with  
7 Company C, First Battalion, First Marines, First Marine Division. He was a part of the  
8 operation against the enemy in the Republic of Vietnam; and

9           WHEREAS, on June 5, 1968, Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon was  
10 participating in a search and destroy operation southeast of the Khe Sanh Combat Base  
11 when his unit was directed to assist a platoon pinned down by a heavy volume of fire  
12 from a large North Vietnamese Army force entrenched in reinforced bunkers and spider  
13 holes on Hill 587; and

14           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon realized the necessity of  
15 gaining fire superiority over the enemy to enable the evacuation of casualties. Without  
16 hesitation he moved forward to an advantageous position from which he commenced  
17 directing accurate machine gun fire on the hostile emplacements. Despite intense fire  
18 from the concealed enemy soldiers, he resolutely remained in his exposed position and  
19 provided highly effective fire which enabled his companions to extract the casualties and  
20 withdraw in preparation for air strikes; and

21           WHEREAS, assisting in the evacuation of the wounded, Lance Corporal Michael  
22 Wayne Simon repeatedly disregarded his own safety as he helped several casualties to  
23 covered positions and was advancing to assist another injured Marine when he was  
24 mortally wounded by sniper fire; and

25           WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon's courage, aggressive fighting  
26 spirit and selfless devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest traditions of the  
27 United States Marine Corps. As a result of his bravery and sacrifice, he was

1 posthumously awarded a Bronze Star with Combat "V" and a Purple Heart; and

2 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon gallantly gave his life in the  
3 service of his country; and

4 WHEREAS, at the time of his death Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon was  
5 survived by a son, Michael Wayne Jr., his mother Mrs. Thelma Simon, three sisters:  
6 Janice, Phyllis, and Alicia, and two brothers: Clarence Jr. and Richard, all of Owensboro;  
7 and

8 WHEREAS, this highway designation will serve as a constant reminder to the  
9 honor and memory of Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 144 in  
13 Daviess County, from its intersection with Kentucky Route 603 to its intersection with  
14 United States Highway 60, as the "Lance Corporal Michael Wayne Simon Memorial  
15 Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the  
16 appropriate signage.