

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Kentucky Route 2565 in Lawrence County in
2 honor and memory of six siblings and World War II veterans, the Preece brothers.

3 WHEREAS, Henry Garfield and Ada Bell Preece were the proud parents of
4 William Henry Preece, Haskell Preece, Hiram Zephaniah Preece, Rudolph Grand Preece,
5 Edwin M. Preece, and James T. Preece; and

6 WHEREAS, William Henry Preece was born on January 23, 1907. He was a
7 member of the United States Navy where he served as an electrician's mate third class. He
8 was honorably discharged on December 16th of 1945; and

9 WHEREAS, Haskell Preece was born on May 25, 1910. He was a member of the
10 United States Army where he served as a technical Sergeant with Company E 149th
11 Infantry; and

12 WHEREAS, Hiram Zephaniah Preece was born on January 16, 1909. He was a
13 member of the United States Navy where he served as a Carpenter's Mate First Class. He
14 was honorably discharged on September 19th of 1945; and

15 WHEREAS, Rudolph Grand Preece was born on March 5, 1923. He was a member
16 of the United States Army where he was a Corporal with Company C of the 501st
17 Airborne Medical Battalion. He was honorably discharged on December 30th of 1945;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Edwin M. Preece was born in 1921. He was a member of the United
20 States Army where he served as a Private First Class with the field artillery branch; and

21 WHEREAS, James T. Preece was born on April 8, 1927. He was a member of the
22 United States Navy beginning on May 8, 1944, and was honorably discharged on June 2,
23 1946. On March 24, 1950, James T. Preece joined the United States Army during the
24 Korean War, serving with the 21st Infantry Regiment. Mr. Preece, while defending his
25 country, was killed in action on September 5, 1950. He was posthumously awarded a
26 Purple Heart; and

27 WHEREAS, William, Haskell, Hiram, Rudolph, Edwin, and James Preece all

1 faithfully answered the call of duty to defend the rights of all citizens of the United States
2 of America during World War II. Their service did not go without recognition as
3 collectively they have received numerous medals and ribbons; and

4 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this highway designation serve as a constant
5 reminder of the life, memory, and sacrifice made by the Preece brothers;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 2565 in
9 Lawrence County as the "Preece Brothers Memorial Highway" and shall within 30 days
10 of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.