

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Transportation Cabinet to resume construction on the
2 Kentucky Route 680 extension from Harold to Minnie in Floyd County.

3 WHEREAS, in 2016, the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet introduced their "Pause-
4 50" program in an effort to restore funding levels to the road fund. This meant pausing
5 the start of \$145 million dollars in state-funded road projects; and

6 WHEREAS, the first phase of the project known as the Kentucky Route 680
7 extension from Harold to Minnie in Floyd County had begun prior to the Pause-50
8 initiative. The remainder of the project, which includes the completion of only 2.8 miles
9 of roadway, was halted after the initiative was put in place; and

10 WHEREAS, the shape of the roadway changed after construction of the first phase
11 of the project began. A curve has now been created along the roadway, with an angle of
12 eighty-eight (88) degrees, which upon completion of the project will serve as a turning
13 lane. As a result of construction on this portion of Kentucky Route 680 in Floyd County
14 being incomplete, and the project being paused, this portion of Kentucky Route 680 has
15 been transformed into a dangerous roadway to navigate; and

16 WHEREAS, there have been numerous accidents and injuries, including one
17 fatality, since construction on the roadway was paused; and

18 WHEREAS, the project was originally added with the intent of connecting Harold
19 to Minnie, with the hopes of increasing economic development. At this time, completing
20 the construction of this project will address any existing safety concerns that may be
21 caused by construction of this roadway being incomplete, will promote safe travel and a
22 time-saving benefit to the great citizens of this area, as well as provide both a financial
23 and a logistic benefit to our local businesses in the area;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

25 ***Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the***
26 ***Commonwealth of Kentucky:***

27 ➔Section 1. The House of Representatives recognizes the importance of safe

1 highway travel to the citizens of this great Commonwealth and hereby urges the
2 Transportation Cabinet to complete the project known as the Kentucky Route 680
3 extension from Harold to Minnie in Floyd County.

4 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit a
5 copy of this Resolution to Secretary Greg Thomas, Kentucky Transportation Cabinet, 200
6 Mero Street, Frankfort, Kentucky 40622.