

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of United States Highway 421 in
2 Leslie County in honor and memory of Charles and Ruth Roark.

3 WHEREAS, for nearly six decades, Charles and Ruth Roark were leaders in the
4 community of Mozelle and the Beech Fork area; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles Roark was an educator for almost 30 years, a profession he
6 began in the 1930s. Through his work, Charles Roark was able to empower young people
7 who ordinarily had very few prospects in life to improve their situation. Many members
8 of the community can attest to how Charles Roark had a positive effect on their lives; and

9 WHEREAS, in the 1930s, when United States Highway 421 was just a dirt path,
10 Charles Roark opened a grocery store and the Mozelle Post Office, where he served as its
11 first postmaster; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1937, Charles Roark married Ruth Collett, and she took over
13 operation of the grocery store and post office while he continued teaching; and

14 WHEREAS, Ruth Roark served as postmaster for half a century. She would often
15 help people read their mail and help them write responses; and

16 WHEREAS, for nearly 40 years, Ruth Roark served as pastor of the Church of God
17 of Mozelle, where she was able to influence the lives of countless people, young and old.
18 Ruth Roark was one of the moving forces behind the founding the church; and

19 WHEREAS, Charles and Ruth Roark are buried in the Roark Cemetery in the
20 community of Mozelle, a family cemetery on the spot where they had their first home and
21 very near where the store and post office once stood;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway
25 421 in Leslie County, from its intersection with Stone Coal Branch Road to its
26 intersection with Calvin Drive, as the "Charles and Ruth Roark Memorial Highway," and
27 shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage.