

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Irene Patrick Memorial Highway in
2 Boone County.

3 WHEREAS, Irene Patrick, a native of Elsmere, graduated from Lloyd High School
4 in the 1940s and went to Chicago to study design; and

5 WHEREAS, while Irene Patrick loved to travel, visiting many European countries,
6 as well as spots in the Caribbean, and all across the United States, she chose to settle back
7 in Northern Kentucky, where she and her husband Charles raised two daughters; and

8 WHEREAS, Irene Patrick made history in 1978 when she was sworn in as the first
9 female County Commissioner in Boone County's history, and went on to serve four terms
10 in the office, from 1978 to 1986, and again from 1990 to 1999; and

11 WHEREAS, Irene Patrick's service was marked by her deep and abiding concern for
12 her constituents, and was remembered fondly by one of them who said, "She was most
13 admired for taking anybody's call and if she could help them, she would do it.... It didn't
14 make a difference if they were penniless or a millionaire, if she thought it was the right
15 thing to do she would do it."; and

16 WHEREAS, Irene Patrick was known to end many of her speeches and remarks as a
17 commissioner by saying, "My door and phone are always open if you need to talk to me.
18 Love and God Bless."; and

19 WHEREAS, Irene Patrick was the founder of the Boone County Senior Citizens'
20 Picnic, which met in her backyard for ten years, then grew to such a huge event that it
21 had to be moved to the fairgrounds; and

22 WHEREAS, Irene Patrick also served as a member of the Boone County Planning
23 Commission and the Kentucky Arts Council, and represented Boone County in a number
24 of organizations, including the Northern Kentucky Convention and Visitors Bureau, the
25 Maplewood Children's Home Board, the Telecommunications Board of Northern
26 Kentucky, and the Friends of the Animal Shelter; and

27 WHEREAS, Irene Patrick passed away December 23, 2007, survived by her

1 husband Charles, her daughters, D. Charlene Tipton and Tracy Sam Beck, and three
2 grandchildren, as well as a host of grateful citizens of Boone County whose lives she
3 touched during her life of public service; and

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the life of Irene Patrick, public servant and
5 trailblazer, be publicly recognized in a tangible way;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky
9 Route 20 (Petersburg Road) in Boone County, from the intersection with Bullittsville-
10 Francisville Road, at mile point 14.525, to the intersection with Kentucky Route 237, at
11 mile point 16.622, as the "Irene Patrick Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of
12 the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.