

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Reverend Ray Bays Memorial Bridge in
2 Knox County.

3 WHEREAS, Reverend Ray Bays was born on September 18, 1949; and

4 WHEREAS, Reverend Ray Bays was a member of the United States Armed Forces
5 during the Vietnam War era; and

6 WHEREAS, Reverend Ray Bays also worked at a gravel quarry in Bell County and
7 enjoyed fishing in his free time; and

8 WHEREAS, Reverend Ray Bays became known in Knox and surrounding counties
9 for his preaching and evangelizing at the Salem Baptist Church; and

10 WHEREAS, on November 5, 2000, Reverend Ray Bays spoke his last words at the
11 pulpit in Salem Baptist Church on Stinking Creek. He proclaimed, "start blinking your
12 eyes, that's how fast you can die," and after he stepped out of the pulpit he went to meet
13 the Lord; and

14 WHEREAS, Reverend Ray Bays is survived by his two sons Kevin and Daniel
15 Bays; and

16 WHEREAS, this memorial bridge designation will serve as a constant reminder of
17 the work of Reverend Ray Bays to those who cross it;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

20 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the Buckeye Fork bridge
21 on Kentucky Route 718, near mile point 7.35 in Knox County as the "Reverend Ray Bays
22 Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect
23 the appropriate signage.