

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Clover Fork River bridge on Kentucky
2 Route 38 in Harlan County in honor and memory of fallen soldier Master Sergeant Otis
3 Edward Ward.

4 WHEREAS, MSGT Otis Ward enlisted in the United States Army at the age of 18
5 in Harlan, Kentucky; and

6 WHEREAS, MSGT Otis Ward was deployed to Korea in the "G" Company, 2nd
7 Battalion of the 9th Infantry Regiment, in the 2nd Infantry Division; and

8 WHEREAS, Otis Ward attained the rank of Sergeant First Class while in combat in
9 Korea, and was posthumously promoted to Master Sergeant; and

10 WHEREAS, MSGT Otis Ward was listed as missing in action on August 12, 1952,
11 while fighting in North Korea; and

12 WHEREAS, MSGT Otis Ward was presumed dead and his remains have never
13 been recovered; and

14 WHEREAS, MSGT Otis Ward was awarded the Purple Heart, the Combat
15 Infantryman's Badge, the Korean Service Medal, the United Nations Service Medal, the
16 National Defense Service Medal, the Korean Presidential Unit Citation, and the Korean
17 War Service Medal;

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 Clover Fork River
21 bridge on Kentucky Route 38, at the 0.926 mile marker in Harlan County in honor of
22 Master Sergeant Otis Edward Ward and erect signs that read:

23 "MSGT Otis Edward Ward
24 MIA Korean War
25 Memorial Bridge".

26 The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.