

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Kentucky Route 1268 in Jessamine County in
2 honor and memory of former United States District Judge Bernard Thomas Moynahan Jr.

3 WHEREAS, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. was born December 29, 1918, the son of
4 Mary (Mayme) Turner and Bernard T. Moynahan Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. was a gifted student who graduated from
6 Nicholasville High School in 1932 at the age of 13, from the University of Kentucky in
7 1935 at the age of 16 with a Bachelor of Arts degree, and the University of Kentucky
8 College of Law in 1938 at the age of 19; and

9 WHEREAS, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. defended our great country from 1942-1945
10 during World War II as a pilot and first lieutenant in the United States Army Air Corps.
11 He bravely stood tall and never wavered from his faith during his time spent in captivity
12 as a Prisoner of War; and

13 WHEREAS, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. practiced law in Lexington from 1938-1939,
14 and in Nicholasville from 1940-1942 and 1954-1961;

15 WHEREAS, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. was a partner with Nicholasville native and
16 former United States Congressman John C. Watts at their firm Watts & Moynahan in
17 Nicholasville; and

18 WHEREAS, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. served as county attorney in Jessamine
19 County from 1946-1954 and U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Kentucky from
20 1961-1963; and

21 WHEREAS, in September of 1963, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. was nominated by
22 President John F. Kennedy to the United States District Court, Eastern District of
23 Kentucky to a seat vacated by Hiram Church Ford; and

24 WHEREAS, in November of 1963, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. was confirmed by the
25 Senate and began service as Chief Judge, a position he would serve from 1969 until his
26 retirement on September 30, 1984; and

27 WHEREAS, during his time as Kentucky Eastern District Chief Judge, Bernard T.

1 Moynahan Jr. impaneled two grand juries in 1979 and 1982 to investigate corruption and
2 fraud in Kentucky state government; and

3 WHEREAS, on August 27, 1999, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. traversed these earthly
4 bounds; and

5 WHEREAS, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. was preceded in death by his wife Mary
6 Thomas Parks Moynahan; and

7 WHEREAS, at the time of his passing, Bernard T. Moynahan Jr. was survived by
8 his daughter Dr. Mary Patricia Mullins (Dr. Maurice), son Bernard T. Moynahan III
9 (Jennifer), and six grandsons; and

10 WHEREAS, this highway designation will serve as a tangible memory of the life of
11 Bernard T. Moynahan Jr.;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

14 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1268 in
15 Jessamine County as the "Bernard T. Moynahan Memorial Highway," and shall within 30
16 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.