

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a section of Kentucky Route 1575 in Pulaski  
2 County in honor and memory of William "Bill" Ray.

3 WHEREAS, Bill Ray was born on July 16, 1934, to parents R.T. and Maude Clark  
4 Ray; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Ray attended Lancaster High School and Cumberland College  
6 before embarking on a business career; and

7 WHEREAS, Bill Ray and business partners Paul Chadwell and Russell Teater  
8 purchased Modern Vending Company, and, after starting with a few jukeboxes and  
9 pinball machines, created what is now Modern Distributors, Inc.; and

10 WHEREAS, Bill Ray created Tru-Check, Inc. which is now a nationwide utility  
11 service company; and

12 WHEREAS, through tireless optimism and hard work, Bill Ray maintained a  
13 successful business career throughout the course of his life; and

14 WHEREAS, on May 1, 2018, Bill Ray traversed these earthly bounds; and

15 WHEREAS, Bill Ray is survived by his wife of 63 years Shirley Duncan Ray, two  
16 sons Mickey and Jerry Ray, brothers Collis and Donnie Ray, and six loving  
17 grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Ray will always be known as a true entrepreneur who left a legacy  
19 of faith, family, and business success; and

20 WHEREAS, this highway designation will serve as a constant reminder to the  
21 honor and memory of William "Bill" Ray and all he provided for the Somerset  
22 community; and

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is directed to designate Kentucky Route  
26 1575 in Pulaski County, from its intersection with Kentucky Route 1247 to its  
27 intersection with Kentucky Route 39, as the "William "Bill" Ray Memorial Highway,"

1 and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate  
2 signage.