

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a Harlan County bridge in honor and memory  
2 of First Sergeant John David Blair.

3 WHEREAS, First Sergeant John David Blair was born October 9, 1970, in Harlan  
4 County; and

5 WHEREAS, First Sergeant John David Blair was a graduate of Cumberland High  
6 School. He enlisted in the United States Army shortly after graduation; and

7 WHEREAS, John David Blair was the First Sergeant of A Company 1st Battalion  
8 121st Infantry. In December of 2007, as a member of the 48th Infantry Brigade's Combat  
9 Team, First Sergeant John David Blair was informed that his team would be deployed to  
10 defend our great nation in Afghanistan in the summer of 2009 for Operation Enduring  
11 Freedom; and

12 WHEREAS, in January of 2009, First Sergeant John David Blair and the 2nd  
13 Battalion 121st Infantry began training for the expected year-long deployment. In the  
14 spring of 2009, the unit was sent to Camp Shelby, Mississippi; and

15 WHEREAS, while deployed in Afghanistan, First Sergeant John David Blair and  
16 his unit participated in training Afghan National Security Forces. On June 20, 2009, while  
17 conducting counterinsurgency operations in the Northeast and Kabul regional command  
18 areas of operation, First Sergeant John David Blair was engaged in an intense battle with  
19 the Taliban and was killed in action; and

20 WHEREAS, the ultimate sacrifice made by First Sergeant John David Blair in the  
21 defense of this great nation is deserving of a tangible recognition;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
25 Route 160, in Harlan County at mile point 11.314 as the "1SGT John D. Blair Memorial  
26 Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect  
27 appropriate signage.