

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of Kentucky Route 908 in Martin  
2 County as the Harless Family Veterans Memorial Highway.

3           WHEREAS, Van Lemual and Mary Bell "Tennie" Harless were blessed to be the  
4 proud parents of nine boys who served their country in four different branches of the  
5 United States military. Charles, Dewey, R.V., Wheatley, Frank, Leo, and Shirley fought  
6 through two wars, while Robert and George served during times of peace; and

7           WHEREAS, Clarence Harless, the oldest son, served during World War II as a  
8 soldier in the Army campaigning across France, Belgium, and Germany; and

9           WHEREAS, son Dewey Dean Harless served as member of the Army's 112th  
10 Cavalry in World War II and paid the ultimate price for his country during July of 1944  
11 while serving in New Guinea; and

12           WHEREAS, R.V. (Roge) Harless, wore the Army uniform in France, Belgium, and  
13 later in Okinawa during World War II; and

14           WHEREAS, Wheatley Harless served during World War II as a Navy seaman  
15 aboard the USS Edward H. Allen on the Atlantic Ocean for the duration of the war; and

16           WHEREAS, Frank Harless served as a member of the United States Navy during  
17 the second World War aboard the ship Sea Tender on the Atlantic Ocean; and

18           WHEREAS, Leo Harless joined the Army in 1948 and was serving in Japan when  
19 the Korean War began. Leo was among the first troops deployed to Korea, and upon  
20 spending two terms in Korea he was sent to serve in Germany. He retired from the  
21 military with over 20 years of service; and

22           WHEREAS, Shirley Harless served as a member of the United States Air Force  
23 during the Korean War. Shirley was a member of the 49th Fighter Bomber Wing Squad;  
24 and

25           WHEREAS, Robert Harless joined the Marines in 1956, and upon completion of  
26 his basic training on Paris Island he served in Georgia in the Fleet Marine Corps during a  
27 time of peace; and

1           WHEREAS, George Harless joined the Army in 1958 to serve his country as his  
2 brothers had, but in a time of peace. George was stationed in Germany; and

3           WHEREAS, through this designation, the General Assembly seeks to honor the  
4 service and dedication of the Harless family in defending the United States;

5           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

7           ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 908 in  
8 Martin County, from 714 Cold Water Rd (near mile point 4.76) to its intersection with  
9 Creekwood Estates (near mile point 2.85), as the "Harless Family Veterans Memorial  
10 Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the  
11 appropriate signage.