

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Captain Dale Fortner Memorial Highway  
2 in Grant County.

3           WHEREAS, Captain Dale Fortner was born on April 11, 1934, to Alvie and Lurah  
4 Howard Fortner; and

5           WHEREAS, by 1960, Captain Dale Fortner had joined the Kentucky State Police as  
6 a Trooper. In 1970, the Sergeant Fortner was transferred to the Morehead post as assistant  
7 commander and promoted to Lieutenant; and

8           WHEREAS, Lieutenant Dale Fortner completed a police management course and  
9 Eastern Kentucky University in late 1970, and in March of 1972, he was promoted to  
10 Captain; and

11           WHEREAS, within a year, Captain Dale Fortner transferred to command Post 6 in  
12 Dry Ridge. In 1979, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and transferred to  
13 headquarters in Frankfort, and in December of 1980, he was acting Police Commissioner;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Captain Dale Fortner returned to command the Dry Ridge post in  
16 1981, where he served several more years until his retirement; and

17           WHEREAS, Captain Dale Fortner was very well respected among the ranks of the  
18 Kentucky State Police throughout Kentucky; and

19           WHEREAS, in addition to his decorated career, Captain Dale Fortner was a  
20 member of the Mt. Olivet Christian Church, having served the congregation as an Elder  
21 for 40 years, most recently as Elder Emeritus; and

22           WHEREAS, in his free time, Captain Dale Fortner enjoyed farming and taking care  
23 of his cattle. He and his wife, Jo Ann, loved spending time together and travelling, and  
24 one of his greatest joys came from spending time with his grandchildren and great-  
25 grandchildren; and

26           WHEREAS, Captain Dale Fortner traversed these earthly bounds on January 6,  
27 2021. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Tricia Bradley; and

1           WHEREAS, Captain Dale Fortner is survived by his wife, Jo Ann Harrison Fortner;  
2 a daughter, Vicki Powers (Richard); a sister, Beulah Willoby; five grandchildren, Todd  
3 Bradley, Justin Powers, Amanda Lisenby, Jennifer Bradley, and Sarah Powers; and five  
4 great-grandchildren; and

5           WHEREAS, this designation shall serve as a constant reminder of the life and  
6 memory of Captain Dale Fortner;

7           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9           ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Highway  
10 25 in Grant County, from the end of Williamstown (Savoy-Clear Creek Road) to its  
11 intersection with Mason Cordova Road, as the "Captain Dale Fortner Memorial  
12 Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the  
13 appropriate signage.