

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a highway in Knott County in honor and
2 memory of World War II veteran Lester Banks.

3 WHEREAS, Lester Banks was born in Spider, Kentucky, on February 28, 1921, to
4 parents Harlan and Ada Banks; and

5 WHEREAS, Lester Banks entered into active duty with the United States Army on
6 June 16, 1942. He was one of over 16 million Americans that served their country and the
7 Allied cause during the course of World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Lester Banks took part in battles in Normandy and Naples, the Allied
9 Invasion of Sicily, the Northern France Campaign, the Rhineland Offense, the Central
10 Europe Campaign, the Battle of the Bulge, and the European Air Offensive Campaign;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, for his bravery he was awarded the Bronze Star, the European–
13 African–Middle Eastern Campaign Theater Ribbon, the Good Conduct Ribbon and the
14 Distinguished Unit Ribbon; and

15 WHEREAS, Lester Banks was honorably discharged from the United States Army
16 on August 27, 1945; and

17 WHEREAS, the generation of men and women who served the United States in
18 World War II has been called "the greatest generation" for their selfless sacrifice; and

19 WHEREAS, after his discharge Lester Banks was a coal miner, went on to become
20 a farmer, then the owner of a grocery store, and eventually a federal mine inspector; and

21 WHEREAS, this designation will serve as a visual reminder of the memory, life,
22 and sacrifice of Lester Banks;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1410 in
26 Knott County as the "Lester Banks Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the
27 effective date of this Resolution, erect signage denoting this designation.