

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to designate the Tim
2 Barker Memorial Highway in Johnson County.

3 WHEREAS, Timothy Grey Barker was born November 3, 1949 in Van Lear,
4 Kentucky, and traversed these earthly bounds on August 11, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Tim Barker, like many youngsters in the area during that time, spent
6 his childhood shuttling between Taylor, Michigan, and Van Lear; and

7 WHEREAS, Tim Barker graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in
8 Michigan, but soon returned to his roots in Van Lear and never left again; and

9 WHEREAS, Tim Barker spent 20 years working for CSX Railroad, which was a
10 job that he loved, enjoyed, and took great pride in, one that created numerous lasting
11 friendships that lasted up until the time of his death; and

12 WHEREAS, Tim Barker was injured on the job in 1989 and took medical
13 disability; however, that setback did not deter him from doing what he loved, which was
14 helping others; and

15 WHEREAS, in the early 1990s, Tim Barker was instrumental in incorporating the
16 City of Van Lear, working tirelessly going door to door asking people to sign the petition
17 and talking with them about the benefits of having their own city government; and

18 WHEREAS, after its incorporation, Tim Barker served the city of Van Lear as road
19 foreman, City Commissioner, and Mayor Pro Tem, advocating on the city's behalf with
20 the League of Cities, as well as state and federal officials, to secure grants and
21 appropriations to help develop the fledgling city; and

22 WHEREAS, after his time with city government, Tim Barker donated his time to
23 the Van Lear Historical Society, remodeling areas of the Society's building and serving
24 on its Board of Directors; and

25 WHEREAS, Tim Barker was a generous man with a sweet, soft heart and a kind
26 soul who did what he could to help individuals in the community, even if it was
27 something as simple as sitting on the porch and talking with them so they would not feel

1 alone; and

2 WHEREAS, Tim Barker was longtime active member of the Van Lear Freewill
3 Baptist Church; and

4 WHEREAS, Tim Barker loved his family deeply, particularly his brother, Jimmy
5 Lee, with whom he had a special bond; and

6 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Tim Barker, a man who spent most of his
7 life trying to improve Van Lear for its citizens, receive tangible public recognition;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1107 in
11 Johnson County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 321, to the intersection with
12 Kentucky Route 302, as the "Tim Barker Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days
13 of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.