

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Emanuel C. Turner Memorial Highway in  
2   Breathitt County.

3           WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Turner, son of Oakley and Susie Turner, was born on May  
4   29, 1947, on Turners Creek, Talbert, Kentucky; and

5           WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor enjoyed reading history books and encyclopedias  
6   for the joy of learning and had tremendous capacity to remember what he learned. He  
7   earned his medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1973, and returned to his  
8   beloved Breathitt County where he worked for twenty years; and

9           WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor later attended the University of Kentucky College  
10   of Law, earning his juris doctor in 1995, and practiced law in Jackson for twenty years at  
11   his law firm, Turner and O'Neill. His partner, Patrick O'Neill, was a friend whom he  
12   highly respected and greatly enjoyed spending time with; and

13          WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor loved people and enjoyed meeting them statewide  
14   while campaigning for Steve Beshear for lieutenant governor and governor. He also  
15   enjoyed meeting people when he ran for Breathitt County Judge/Executive. Even though  
16   he lost his bid for Breathitt County Judge/Executive by fewer than 40 votes, he never  
17   regretted the time spent visiting people throughout the county, learning their relationships  
18   and histories; and

19          WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor was a member of the Turners Creek Mennonite  
20   Church, which was founded the year he was born, and throughout his life served as  
21   Sunday School teacher, spending hours researching and compiling his own lessons,  
22   worship leader where he played guitar and sang; and moderator where he surprised the  
23   congregation each Sunday with his varied subjects of opening remarks; and

24          WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor loved his family greatly and enjoyed spending  
25   time at home with his wife, Brenda Fern, their children, Beverly, David, Susan, and  
26   Stephanie, and their nine grandchildren. He was also close to his sister, Mattie Ruth, her  
27   husband Mike Riley, and their sons, Michael Cohen and Randy. He loved nothing better

1 than large family gatherings which often included Brenda's large Swartzentruber clan;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, after being diagnosed with cancer, Emanuel C. Turner was determined  
4 to live as long as he could to see his grandchildren grow up and fought almost five years  
5 before his death on October 8, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor, who was described on his death as a "salt of the  
7 earth person", leaves behind a lifetime of friends and family who continue to miss his  
8 gentleness, knowledge, sense of humor, and desire to help others; and

9 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the life of Emanuel C. Taylor be  
10 memorialized in some tangible way;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1933 in  
14 Breathitt County as the "Emanuel C. Taylor Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30  
15 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this  
16 designation.