

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Colonel Vermont Garrison Memorial
2 Highway.

3 WHEREAS, Vermont Garrison was born on October 29, 1915, in Mount Victory,
4 Pulaski County, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Vermont Garrison made his education a priority, even through the
6 Great Depression, graduating from Pulaski County public schools in 1933 and attending
7 Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College, now Eastern Kentucky University; and

8 WHEREAS, Vermont Garrison earned a teaching certificate from Sue Bennett
9 Junior College in London, and went on to teach elementary school in a one room
10 schoolhouse from 1936 until 1941; and

11 WHEREAS, on March 17, 1941, Vermont Garrison enlisted in the aviation cadet
12 program of the United States Army Air Forces (USAAF). Before he completed his
13 training, he joined the Royal Air Force (RAF) in Dallas, Texas. After he was shipped off
14 to England he was promoted to Flying Officer and made a gunnery instructor; and

15 WHEREAS, Vermont Garrison transferred from the RAF back to the USAAF in
16 1943 and was assigned to the 4th Fighter Group, where he went on to down seven
17 German planes before being shot down by ground fire, earning him the title of Ace; and

18 WHEREAS, Vermont Garrison spent a year as a prisoner of war before the camp,
19 Stalag Luft I, was liberated by the Soviet Army in May 1945; and

20 WHEREAS, during the Korean War, Vermont Garrison continued his career in the
21 military as the commander of the 335th Fighter Squadron, and earned the title of Double
22 Ace; and

23 WHEREAS, Vermont Garrison was one of only seven pilots to become an Ace in
24 both World War II and Korea and was promoted to the rank of Colonel in 1961; and

25 WHEREAS, Colonel Vermont Garrison served in the Vietnam War as Vice Wing
26 Commander of the 8th Tactical Fighter Wing, as well as several other command
27 positions, and earned the title of Triple Ace during his aerial operations; and

1 WHEREAS, Colonel Vermont Garrison retired from the military in 1973 after
2 serving combat tours in three wars and earning his spot as one of the greatest Air Force
3 pilots of all time; and

4 WHEREAS, Colonel Vermont Garrison passed away February 14, 1994, after a
5 long life and accomplished military career serving his country, and it is appropriate that
6 the General Assembly tangibly recognize his life of service;

7 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

9 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 192 in
10 Pulaski County, from its intersection with Blaze Valley Road to its intersection with East
11 Mt. Vernon Street, as the "Col. Vermont Garrison Memorial Highway" and shall, within
12 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.