

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Chief Petty Officer 3rd Class Virgil  
2 Mounts Memorial Bridge in Pike County.

3 WHEREAS, Virgil Mounts was born in 1928 in Pike County, Kentucky, the son of  
4 Harrison and Louise Mounts; and

5 WHEREAS, Virgil Mounts attended McAndrews School, and like many young  
6 men of that era, wanted to join the Army; and

7 WHEREAS, Virgil Mounts enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 15,  
8 taking his brother's driver's license to use as identification, and became a Navy  
9 Corpsman; and

10 WHEREAS, on June 8th, 1944, Chief Petty Officer 3rd Class Virgil Mounts was  
11 providing care for Army assault troops on Omaha Beach during the Invasion of  
12 Normandy when a shell exploded nearby, killing him instantly; and

13 WHEREAS, although listed as 18 years of age in official military records because  
14 of his enlistment identification, Chief Petty Officer 3rd Class Virgil Mounts, at age 16, is  
15 thought to be the youngest service member to be killed at the D-Day invasion; and

16 WHEREAS, the gallantry Virgil Mounts showed in tending to his brothers in arms  
17 while fighting Nazi barbarism is still remembered by his relatives in the Pond Creek area  
18 and should receive tangible public recognition, no matter how inadequate that recognition  
19 might be;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
23 Route 199 in Pike County, at mile point 8.88 (Bridge ID# 098B00291N), as the "Chief  
24 Petty Officer 3rd Class Virgil Mounts Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the  
25 effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.