

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Clark "Sparky" Middleton Memorial  
2 Bridge in Harlan County.

3 WHEREAS, Clark "Sparky" Middleton was born on February 14, 1966, in Harlan,  
4 Kentucky, to Sylvan and Marie Lewis Middleton as one of three children; and

5 WHEREAS, Sparky Middleton and Teresa, who would remain his loving wife for  
6 his final 36 years on this earth, had three children together, Kaela (Johnny) Joseph, Jason  
7 Middleton, and Kaley (Riley Murphy) Hall; and

8 WHEREAS, as a young man, Sparky Middleton became a coal mine foreman,  
9 providing general supervision to his mine's operations and ensuring the safety of his  
10 workers; and

11 WHEREAS, later in life, Sparky Middleton went on to become a constable, a  
12 position he would hold for seventeen years; and

13 WHEREAS, Sparky Middleton also became a magistrate, a job to which he was  
14 elected three terms; and

15 WHEREAS, Sparky Middleton was also a dedicated member of the Howard Lodge  
16 #819 in Baxter, Kentucky, the Oleika Shrine Temple in Lexington, Kentucky, and the  
17 Harlan County Shrine Club; and

18 WHEREAS, a faithful servant of the Christian faith, Sparky Middleton left us to  
19 meet his creator on January 24, 2023 at Norton Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky, and is  
20 now buried in the Middleton Cemetery; and

21 WHEREAS, in recognition of Sparky Middleton's service and love for his local  
22 community, friends, and family, it is appropriate that his life be memorialized in some  
23 tangible way;

24 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

26 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United  
27 States Route 421 crossing Poor Fork Cumberland River (Bridge ID #048B00129N) as the

- 1 "Clark 'Sparky' Middleton Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective
- 2 date of this Resolution, erect signs denoting this designation.