

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Dan Hale Memorial Highway in Laurel  
2 County.

3           WHEREAS, Dan Hale was born on March 23, 1920, to James Wesley and Virgie  
4 Anders Hale; and

5           WHEREAS, Dan Hale enlisted in the United States Army in 1941 and served for 43  
6 months. As a soldier within General Patton's Army, 5th Division, Dan Hale fought during  
7 World War II. He spent time in Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe,  
8 the Ardennes, and was in the Battle of the Bulge. While his platoon was fighting in a  
9 hedgerow, German troops overran the soldiers and captured all but himself. Dan Hale  
10 grabbed his rifle, asked the Lord for help, and ran. While serving in the Army, Dan Hale  
11 suffered frostbite and lost his hearing due to an explosion which shattered his ear drum;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, Dan Hale returned to London, Kentucky, and in February of 1947 he  
14 married Alma Arthur Hale. The couple, determined to be wed, walked in knee-deep snow  
15 to the preacher's house and then walked to another house to locate the preacher to  
16 perform the wedding ceremony; and

17           WHEREAS, Dan Hale supported his large family through gardening and raising  
18 their own food and working at Cook Brothers and then Dixie Motors. During his 35 years  
19 with Dixie Motors, Dan Hale was an A-1 body man working with metal; and

20           WHEREAS, Dan and Alma Hale worked with other couples from London,  
21 Kentucky, and established the London Disabled American Veteran's Chapter. The couple  
22 maintained their lifetime memberships with the London DAV, American Legion, and  
23 AmVets; and

24           WHEREAS, in his limited spare time, Dan Hale enjoyed fox hunting, fishing, and  
25 gardening. Additionally, he served as the family's professional tater peeler. Dan Hale was  
26 a sociable gentleman and loved being with family and friends and playing music; and

27           WHEREAS, Dan and Alma Hale were devoted followers of Christ and instilled

1 Christian values while raising their nine children. The family were members of Hightop  
2 Baptist Church and at times attended services three times every Sunday; and

3 WHEREAS, Dan Hale departed this earthly life at the age of 102 and went home to  
4 the Lord on March 7, 2023. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Wesley and  
5 Virgie Anders Hale; four siblings, Curtis Hale, Gerlene Hale, Irene Galloway, and  
6 Virginia Rockwell; two grandchildren, Eric Hale and Stephen Baker; and one great-  
7 grandson, Jesse Cobb; and

8 WHEREAS, Dan Hale's loving wife of 76 years, Alma Arthur Hale, departed this  
9 earthly life on December 10, 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, Dan Hale's legacy will continue with his nine children, Brenda Reams,  
11 Linda (Luther) Arnold, Roger (Charlotte) Hale, Ronnie (Sandra) Hale, Danny (Debbie)  
12 Hale, Von (David) Brock, Carol (Denver) Begley, Lisa (Wendell) Benge, and Mark  
13 (Deronda) Hale; twenty-six grandchildren; fifty-two great-grandchildren; seventeen great  
14 great-grandchildren; one brother, Jerry Hale; and a host of other family and friends; and

15 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the life of Dan Hale be memorialized in  
16 some tangible way;

17 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

19 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 192 in  
20 Laurel County, from mile-point 7.313 to mile-point 12.59, as the "Dan Hale Memorial  
21 Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect  
22 appropriate signage denoting this designation.