

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Pete McCoy Memorial Bridge in Floyd
2 and Pike Counties.

3 WHEREAS, Pete McCoy was born on March 25, 1892, in Pike County, Kentucky,
4 the son of Harrison and Alifair Morrison McCoy; and

5 WHEREAS, Pete McCoy joined the United States Army and was stationed in
6 France as a private during World War I; and

7 WHEREAS, while delivering a message to another regiment, Pete McCoy suddenly
8 encountered a camp full of German soldiers; and

9 WHEREAS, facing the German soldiers alone, and armed only with a grenade and
10 a bayonet, Pete McCoy killed seven and captured 17 of them from a nearby trench and
11 disabled four enemy machine-gun emplacements; and

12 WHEREAS, despite this encounter, Pete McCoy remained focused on his duty, and
13 resumed his delivery of the message with his captives in tow; and

14 WHEREAS, Pete McCoy rescued a fellow wounded soldier along the way, forcing
15 his captives to carry the wounded man and ensuring his safety; and

16 WHEREAS, in honor of his bravery, Pete McCoy was awarded the French Croix de
17 Guerre by the government of France, as well as the Distinguished Service Cross on July
18 9, 1918, by the United States Army; and

19 WHEREAS, when he returned home from his service, Pete McCoy married Pauline
20 Coon Morrison on December 26, 1922, and they had four children together, James
21 Clinton, Sallie Margaret, Russell Pete, and Bertha Marie; and

22 WHEREAS, Pete McCoy worked several jobs during his life, including farmer,
23 storekeeper, pipeline worker, and security guard, and served as the first custodian at
24 Johns Creek High School; and

25 WHEREAS, Pete McCoy died on December 7, 1959, in Pike County, Kentucky, at
26 the age of 67, and is now buried in the Ratliff Cemetery in Pike County, Kentucky; and

27 WHEREAS, this bridge designation will serve as a tangible reminder of Pete

1 McCoy's life, heroism, and service to this nation;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
5 Route 194 crossing over Brushy Fork at the Floyd/Pike County line (Bridge ID
6 #036B00155N) as the "Pete McCoy Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the
7 effective date of this Resolution, erect signs denoting this designation.