

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Floyd Watts Memorial Bridge in Breathitt
2 County.

3 WHEREAS, Floyd Watts was born on September 8, 1943, in Wolfcoal, Kentucky,
4 to Harrison and Mazzie Mullins Watts as one of fourteen children; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Breathitt County High School in May of 1963,
6 Floyd Watts moved to Chicago, Illinois, where he began work in a factory until entering
7 the United States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, Floyd Watts was drafted into the United States Army and began his
9 training at Fort Campbell on April 18, 1968; and

10 WHEREAS, following the completion of more training at Fort Riley in Kansas,
11 Floyd Watts was deployed to Vietnam and his tour of duty began on March 29, 1969; and

12 WHEREAS, nearly three months later, on July 4, 1969, Specialist 4 Floyd Watts
13 was killed in action while manning a machine gun on an armored personnel carrier in the
14 Trung Phan Providence, Republic of Vietnam; and

15 WHEREAS, Specialist 4 Floyd Watts' remains were then transported from Vietnam
16 to the United States and laid to rest with full military rites in the Mullins Cemetery in
17 Watts, Kentucky; and

18 WHEREAS, the United States government posthumously awarded Specialist 4
19 Floyd Watts the Bronze Star Medal, the Purple Heart Medal, and the Good Conduct
20 Medal; and

21 WHEREAS, in recognition of Specialist 4 Floyd Watts' service to the
22 Commonwealth and the United States, it is appropriate that his sacrifice be memorialized
23 in some 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 Kentucky
27 Route 15 crossing Lost Creek (Bridge ID #013B00032N) as the "Floyd Watts Memorial

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