

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the PFC Larry Gene Ratliff Memorial
2 Highway in Martin County.

3 WHEREAS, Larry Gene Ratliff was born on September 9, 1948, in Louisa,
4 Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, as a young man attending Inez High School, Larry Gene Ratliff
6 proved to be a highly capable student, friend, and athlete, competing on the school's
7 Senior intramural basketball team and Rifle Team; and

8 WHEREAS, following his graduation from Inez High School, Larry Gene Ratliff
9 enlisted in the United States Marines and was deployed to Quang Nam Province, South
10 Vietnam, as part of the 1st Marine Division, 3rd Battalion; and

11 WHEREAS, following his enlistment, Private First Class Larry Gene Ratliff began
12 his tour of duty on October 14, 1968; and

13 WHEREAS, just 54 days after reporting for duty, Private First Class Larry Gene
14 Ratliff was killed by hostile action in Quang Nam Province, South Vietnam, making him
15 the fourth Martin County casualty of the Vietnam War; and

16 WHEREAS, Private First Class Larry Gene Ratliff received many military
17 recognitions both during his life and after his death, including the Purple Heart, Combat
18 Action Ribbon, Marksmanship Badge, and National Defense Service Medal, among
19 others; and

20 WHEREAS, in recognition of Private First Class Larry Gene Ratliff's life, joy
21 shared with loved ones, and eternal sacrifice, it is appropriate that his service be
22 memorialized in some tangible way;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky
26 Route 292 in Martin County, from the intersection of KY-292 and KY-3213
27 (approximately mile point 26.1) to the intersection of KY-292 and KY-3 (mile point

- 1 28.9), as the "PFC Larry Gene Ratliff Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of
- 2 the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.