

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the achievements of former Speaker of the Kentucky
2 House of Representatives Bobby Richardson, and encouraging the General Assembly in a
3 future session to establish an honorary highway designation in Barren County in his
4 honor.

5 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson was born on November 25, 1944, in Barren
6 County, Kentucky, near Glasgow, to Robert E. Richardson and Nina Tucker Richardson;
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8 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson received his undergraduate education at Western
9 Kentucky University and his Juris Doctor at the University of Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson married Elaine Alexander in 1970, and they had
11 one child together, Clay Brents (Lisa) Richardson; and

12 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson opened a law practice in Glasgow, where he would
13 sharpen his knowledge of and knack for law, sparking a lifelong fascination with the
14 legal system; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1971, Bobby Richardson was first elected to the Kentucky House of
16 Representatives to represent the 23rd District, which included Barren County; and

17 WHEREAS, while serving as a state representative, Bobby Richardson was known
18 for his soaring rhetoric and passionate delivery, resulting in numerous memorable
19 speeches; and

20 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson served as House Majority Floor Leader during the
21 1976, 1978, and 1980 Regular Sessions of the Kentucky General Assembly, and as
22 Speaker of the Kentucky House of Representatives during the 1982 and 1984 Regular
23 Sessions; and

24 WHEREAS, while serving as Majority Floor Leader, and subsequently as Speaker
25 of the House, Bobby Richardson successfully aided in and spearheaded initiatives to
26 improve the General Assembly's legislative independence from gubernatorial control; and

27 WHEREAS, Bobby Richardson retired from the Kentucky House of

1 Representatives in 1991 after 20 years representing Barren County in the 23rd District;
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3 WHEREAS, following his retirement from the General Assembly, Bobby
4 Richardson has remained a staple of the Glasgow and Eighty-Eight communities and
5 Kentucky's broader political culture, still practicing law in Glasgow and emceeding the
6 one-hundred thirty-seventh annual Fancy Farm picnic in 2017; and

7 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that Bobby Richardson be recognized and
8 honored in a tangible manner for his life of achievement and public service to his
9 community, the 23rd District, the General Assembly, and the Commonwealth;

10 NOW, THEREFORE,

11 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of*
12 *Kentucky:*

13 ➔Section 1. The members of the Senate join Senator David P. Givens in
14 recognizing the career of achievement and service of former Speaker Bobby Richardson
15 upon the occasion of his visit to the Capitol.

16 ➔Section 2. The members of the Senate encourage the General Assembly, at an
17 appropriate time in the future, to designate a portion of a state highway in Barren County
18 in honor of Bobby Richardson.

19 ➔Section 3. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
20 Resolution to Senator David P. Givens for presentation to Bobby Richardson and his
21 family.