

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Kentucky National Guard Memorial  
2 Highway in Franklin County.

3 WHEREAS, the history of the Kentucky National Guard dates back before  
4 statehood, when, in 1775, Fincastle County, Virginia, established the local militia,  
5 commanded by Captain James Harrod; and

6 WHEREAS, at that time and for a great many years thereafter, all able-bodied men  
7 coming into this territorial frontier were presumed to be in the militia and were expected  
8 to serve as the need arose; and

9 WHEREAS, for the next 250 years, as the Commonwealth and this great nation  
10 have grown and prospered, the Kentucky National Guard has stood ready as an alert  
11 fighting force ready to defend Kentucky and America against those who would destroy  
12 our democratic way of life; and

13 WHEREAS, this volunteer citizens army has also served in times of national  
14 disaster with diligence and compassion, as victims of the 2021 tornadoes in western  
15 Kentucky, 2022 eastern Kentucky flooding, and myriad other disasters can attest; and

16 WHEREAS, the skill and proficiency with which the Kentucky National Guard has  
17 served Kentucky further contributes to the fact that it is, and will continue to be, a  
18 necessary and indispensable organization for the continuing existence of the  
19 Commonwealth; and

20 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the Kentucky National Guard, and especially those  
21 members who gave their lives when carrying out its mission, be publicly recognized for  
22 all it has contributed to the Commonwealth;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate United States Route 127  
26 in Franklin County, from the intersection with United States Route 60 to the intersection  
27 with Kentucky Route 1005, as the "Kentucky National Guard Memorial Highway" and

1 shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs  
2 denoting this designation. This designation shall supersede any previous designation  
3 made for this section of highway.