

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Johnnie L. Turner Memorial Highway in
2 Harlan County.

3 WHEREAS, Johnnie L. Turner was born on December 24, 1947, in Harlan County,
4 Kentucky, to the late Alonzo and Gladys Hyde Turner; and

5 WHEREAS, Johnnie L. Turner grew up on Pine Mountain and attended Pine
6 Mountain Settlement School as well as the Red Bird Mission School, where he worked
7 on campus to pay for his books and tuition; and

8 WHEREAS, Johnnie L. Turner served in the United States Army from 1967 to
9 1969, in the Panama Canal Zone; and

10 WHEREAS, after serving his country, Johnnie L. Turner returned to Eastern
11 Kentucky and continued his education at Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky,
12 where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Accounting in 1974. In 1977,
13 he received his Juris Doctor degree from the University of Kentucky College of Law; and

14 WHEREAS, Johnnie L. Turner practiced law in Harlan County for 46 years. He
15 served as the Harlan County School Board attorney for over 20 years, and as the City of
16 Cumberland attorney for a number of years; and

17 WHEREAS, Johnnie L. Turner served in the Kentucky House of Representatives,
18 representing District 88 from 1999 to 2002, and also in the Kentucky State Senate,
19 representing District 29 from 2020 to 2024; and

20 WHEREAS, Johnnie L. Turner was an advocate and champion for Eastern
21 Kentucky, which he felt should not be overlooked. He was especially fond of his
22 constituents from Harlan, Bell, Letcher, Knott, and Floyd Counties and was committed to
23 see their quality of life improve; and

24 WHEREAS, on October 22, 2024, Johnnie L. Turner passed away following an
25 accident, leaving his family, friends, and community mourning his passing; and

26 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the many and generous contributions of
27 Johnnie L. Turner be memorialized in some tangible way;

1 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky
4 Route 221 in Harlan County, from mile point 8.9 to mile point 18.4, as the "Johnnie L.
5 Turner Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
6 Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation.