

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Representative Bob DeWeese Memorial
2 Highway in Jefferson County.

3 WHEREAS, Bobby "Bob" Miller DeWeese was a son of this Commonwealth,
4 having been born in the La Center community of Ballard County on November 8, 1934;
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6 WHEREAS, raised by his cherished grandparents, Grace and John R. Miller, Bob
7 DeWeese was drawn to the medical profession early in life by assisting the man who
8 would later become his stepfather, Dr. William Coffee, in his veterinary practice; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob DeWeese began his higher education at the University of
10 Kentucky in 1953 and went on to graduate from the University of Louisville Medical
11 School. He practiced medicine at several hospitals in Louisville, and proudly served as
12 president of the Louisville Surgical Society and chief of staff at multiple institutions; and

13 WHEREAS, Bob DeWeese turned to politics in the 1990s, and it was in this area
14 that he made an indelible mark on the Commonwealth. He was elected to the Kentucky
15 House of Representatives in 1992, and served that body for 24 years as State
16 Representative of the 48th District, including as the Republican Caucus Chairman for 14
17 years; and

18 WHEREAS, after retiring from medicine, Bob DeWeese became a fierce advocate
19 for healthcare issues in the General Assembly while maintaining his trademark sense of
20 loyalty to his home city of Louisville. He was instrumental in the construction of the
21 Westport Road-Watterson Expressway interchange, and became renowned for his ability
22 to work with Kentucky's colleges and universities. An ardent supporter of the "Bucks for
23 Brains" program, he tried throughout his years in public service to help institutions of
24 higher learning carry out their missions and to see that the Commonwealth's learners
25 were given the opportunity to flourish, just as he had once done; and

26 WHEREAS, in 2000, Bob DeWeese was honored with the Dr. Nathan Davis Award
27 by the American Medical Association for his work as an outstanding legislator; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob DeWeese was a member of the Rotary Club of Louisville and the
2 University of Kentucky Alumni Association. He served on the University of Louisville
3 Board of Overseers and the UofL Cancer Board, and was an avid supporter of The
4 Healing Place; and

5 WHEREAS, Bob DeWeese was a faithful servant of God, and for many years he
6 and his beloved wife, Angie, were members of Christ Church United Methodist; and

7 WHEREAS, Bob DeWeese proudly showed his love for the Commonwealth and
8 America by always displaying both flags; and

9 WHEREAS, Bob DeWeese loved the outdoors, was a avid gardener, enjoyed golf,
10 and, most importantly, treasured spending time with his children and grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Bobby "Bob" Miller DeWeese, renowned Kentucky physician;
12 esteemed former member of the Kentucky House of Representatives; and cherished
13 husband, father, and grandfather, departed this earthly life and entered into the Kingdom
14 of Heaven on November 25, 2020, leaving all those whose lives he touched in solemn
15 mourning; and

16 WHEREAS, whether in the role of doctor, legislator, or volunteer, the extraordinary
17 life and legacy of public service exemplified by Representative Bob DeWeese is worthy
18 of tangible public recognition;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

21 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of United
22 States Route 42 in Jefferson County, from its intersection with Mockingbird Valley Road
23 at mile point 3.279 to the Jefferson/Oldham County line, as the "Representative Bob
24 DeWeese Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
25 Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this designation. This designation shall
26 supersede any previous honorary designation for this section of highway.