

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Detective Richard E. Ray Memorial
2 Highway in Pike County.

3 WHEREAS, Richard E. Ray was born on February 11, 1938, the son of the late
4 Fred Ray and Larue Rowe Ray; and

5 WHEREAS, Richard Ray was the devoted husband to Annette Allen Ray; the
6 loving father to three children, Lisa, Richard Jr., and Ryan; and the doting grandfather to
7 six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Richard Ray spent a lifetime in law enforcement serving the citizens
9 of the Commonwealth, first as a trooper and detective with the Kentucky State Police,
10 and later as a detective for the Pike County Sherriff's Department; and

11 WHEREAS, over the course of his incredible 55-year career, Richard Ray earned
12 several awards, but more importantly, he earned the enduring respect of his fellow
13 detectives, many of whom consider him the smartest detective they ever knew; and

14 WHEREAS, one former detective, Terry Thompson, said, "Richard could solve
15 more cases sitting on his couch at the house than most detectives that were out working
16 them"; and

17 WHEREAS, Richard Ray was equally loved and respected by his family; and

18 WHEREAS, Richard Ray departed these earthly bounds on December 27, 2024, at
19 the age of 86, leaving behind his family, friends, and a network of professional
20 colleagues to mourn his passing and celebrate a life well-lived; and

21 WHEREAS, Richard Ray's life of service and dedication to the safety of the
22 citizens of the Commonwealth is indeed worthy of public recognition;

23 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

25 ➡Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1426 in
26 Pike County, from the Letcher County line (mile point 0) to its intersection with United
27 States Route 23 (mile point 4.889) as the "Detective Richard E. Ray Memorial Highway"

- 1 and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs
- 2 denoting this designation.