

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the William Argus "Bill" Johnson Memorial  
2 Highway in Rowan County.

3 WHEREAS, William Argus "Bill" Johnson was born on the 4th of July, 1926, to  
4 Langley Johnson and Goldie Ellen (Bryant) Johnson; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Johnson was inducted into the United States Army on September  
6 14, 1944, in Huntington, West Virginia, during the climax of Allied operations to take  
7 back Europe, days before Operation Market Garden; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Johnson served alongside the men of Battery C of the 940th Field  
9 Artillery Battalion; and

10 WHEREAS, Bill Johnson and the men of the 940th Field Artillery Battalion played  
11 a role in liberating several towns and villages, and were among the first American troops  
12 encountered by grateful European civilians; and

13 WHEREAS, following his faithful service and the end of World War II, Bill  
14 Johnson was honorably discharged on August 1, 1946; and

15 WHEREAS, Bill Johnson left these earthly bounds on July 15, 1994, and now lies  
16 next to his beloved wife Betty Jean (McDaniel) Johnson, who joined him in the Kingdom  
17 of Heaven in 2015; and

18 WHEREAS, Bill Johnson represents the values of service, sacrifice, and quiet  
19 leadership that continue to define our Commonwealth and this great Nation;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate a portion of Kentucky  
23 Route 32 in Rowan County, from its intersection with Kentucky Route 173 to the Elliott  
24 County line, as the "William Argus 'Bill' Johnson Memorial Highway" and shall, within  
25 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this  
26 designation.