

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Adron and Virgil Justice Memorial
2 Highway in Floyd County.

3 WHEREAS, Adron Justice was born on April 14, 1910, to James and Rissie Justice
4 of Harold, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Adron Justice was a gentle giant who never met a stranger. He enjoyed
6 hunting and wood working. To this day, several of his wood carvings remain in the
7 Justice family; and

8 WHEREAS, during World War II, Adron Justice was a private with the 16th
9 Regiment 1st Infantry Division in the United States Army; and

10 WHEREAS, Adron Justice would send nearly every dollar of his Army pay home to
11 his mother with a note instructing her to get something nice with it; and

12 WHEREAS, on April 23, 1943, Adron Justice was killed in action at the battle of
13 Longstop Hill in Tunisia; and

14 WHEREAS, for his bravery, Adron Justice was awarded the Purple Heart, the Army
15 Presidential Unit Citation, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign
16 Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal; and

17 WHEREAS, Virgil Justice was born on October 21, 1924, to James and Rissie
18 Justice; and

19 WHEREAS, four months after his brother Adron was killed in action, Virgil Justice
20 entered the United States Navy. He was a Fireman 1st Class assigned to the USS Houston
21 (CL-81); and

22 WHEREAS, Virgil Justice was aboard the USS Houston (CL-81) during the Battle
23 of Formosa on October 13th, 1944. A Japanese torpedo struck the deck of the vessel and
24 Virgil Justice was blown overboard by the impact; and

25 WHEREAS, Virgil Justice was able to grab some drifting debris and hold on for
26 hours until his rescue; and

27 WHEREAS, in 1946, Virgil Justice returned home to Floyd County. He went on to

1 live a productive life, got married, and was a loving father to his seven children; and

2 WHEREAS, this highway designation will stand as a constant reminder of the lives
3 of Adron and Virgil Justice and their dedication to defending this great nation;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1426 in
7 Floyd County from mile-point 10 to mile-point 13 as the "Adron and Virgil Justice
8 Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution,
9 erect the appropriate signage.