

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of Kentucky Route 2054 in
2 Jefferson County as the Anne and Carl Braden Memorial Highway.

3 WHEREAS, Anne Braden was born in Louisville, Kentucky, on July 28, 1924, to
4 Gambrell and Anita McCarty; and

5 WHEREAS, Carl Braden was born in New Albany, Indiana, on June 24, 1914; and

6 WHEREAS, Anne and Carl Braden met each other in Louisville while working for
7 the "Louisville Times," and the couple was married in 1948; and

8 WHEREAS, Anne and Carl Braden were deeply involved in the civil rights
9 movement. They worked on Progressive Party campaigns, and with numerous other
10 organizations for social and economic justice; and

11 WHEREAS, Anne and Carl Braden edited the newsletter for the Southern
12 Conference Educational Fund named the "Southern Patriot," which was committed to
13 racial desegregation; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1954, Anne and Carl Braden helped another local couple, Andrew
15 and Charlotte Wade, purchase a home in an all white segregated neighborhood, by
16 purchasing the home first and then transferring the title to Andrew and Charlotte Wade;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Andrew and Charlotte Wade moved into their new home, and the
19 neighborhood discovered a Black couple was living there and became enraged.
20 Ultimately, the Wades' home was bombed while they were out one evening, and Anne
21 and Carl Braden were subsequently charged with sedition; and

22 WHEREAS, the Supreme Court of the United States invalidated state sedition laws
23 in 1956, clearing Anne and Carl Braden, but the ordeal never made them waiver in their
24 commitment to racial justice; and

25 WHEREAS, Anne Braden was friends with other notable civil rights leaders,
26 including Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., who mentioned Anne Braden in his "Letter from a
27 Birmingham Jail" as one of the few white southerners committed to social revolution; and

1 WHEREAS, the home of Anne and Carl Braden became a place of welcome to
2 members of the civil rights movement, where they hosted the likes of Rosa Parks, Dr.
3 Martin Luther King, Jr., and Angela Davis; and

4 WHEREAS, Carl Braden passed away in 1975, but Anne Braden continued
5 organizing for racial justice and workers' rights until her passing in 2006;

6 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

8 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky
9 Route 2054 in Jefferson County, from its intersection with Kentucky Route 1934 to its
10 intersection with Winkler Avenue, as the "Anne and Carl Braden Memorial Highway"
11 and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs
12 denoting this designation.