

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of Kentucky Route 41 in Christian
2 County in honor and memory of Herb Covington.

3 WHEREAS, Herb Covington was born on September 2, 1945, in Hopkinsville, the
4 beloved son of William T. and Ruby Lee Gibbs; and

5 WHEREAS, Herb Covington was a football standout for Hopkinsville High School
6 from 1961 to 1963; and

7 WHEREAS, Herb Covington was selected in his junior year to both the All-WKC
8 and All-State teams; and

9 WHEREAS, during his senior year, Herb Covington was not only selected for the
10 All-WKC and All-State teams again, he also was selected to be on the 1963 All-
11 American team; and

12 WHEREAS, Herb Covington signed to play football at Memphis State University
13 where he is still tied for the second-longest run from scrimmage at 92 yards; and

14 WHEREAS, Herb Covington was selected by the New Orleans Saints in the 14th
15 round (359th pick overall) in the 1968 NFL draft, but a terrible knee injury ended his
16 professional career prematurely; and

17 WHEREAS, Herb Covington's high school football number, 22, was retired by
18 Hopkinsville High School in 1997; and

19 WHEREAS, Herb Covington retired as a Supervisor of Special Events for P&E
20 Distributing, a wholesaler of Anheuser-Busch; and

21 WHEREAS, Herb Covington recently worked for the Christian County road
22 department, assisting with draft lines and possessing no interest in slowing down; and

23 WHEREAS, Herb Covington valiantly battled multiple myeloma (blood cancer)
24 and pericarditis (enlarged heart). However, on Tuesday, December 12, 2017, Herb
25 Covington departed these earthly bounds; and

26 WHEREAS, Herb Covington was granted his wish of having his ashes spread on
27 the 19-yard line on the field at Walnut Street Stadium; and

1 WHEREAS, Herb Covington is survived by his wife of 30 years, Sheila West
2 Covington, sister Martha Covington, and numerous nieces and nephews;

3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is hereby directed to designate Kentucky
6 Route 41 in Christian County, from its intersection with Interstate 169 to its intersection
7 with United States Highway 68 Bypass, as the "Herb Covington Memorial Highway," and
8 shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate
9 signage.