

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge on Kentucky Route 66 in Bell
2 County in honor and memory of fallen firefighter Ted Rodney Collett.

3 WHEREAS, Ted Rodney Collett was born on August 29, 1975, to the Reverend
4 Ted and Shirley Collett; and

5 WHEREAS, Rodney Collett suffered a massive brain seizure at the age of one. His
6 parents were told that the outlook for Rodney was grim and to cherish every moment with
7 their son, because he probably wouldn't live to see his teenage years; and

8 WHEREAS, Rodney Collett survived, and went on to become a member of the Red
9 Bird and Bell County Volunteer Fire Departments; and

10 WHEREAS, Rodney Collett was very passionate about horses, and was an avid
11 four-wheeler rider who looked forward to traveling trips with his friends; and

12 WHEREAS, Rodney Collett was a rare type of individual whose presence becomes
13 the glue that helps hold a community together; and

14 WHEREAS, on October 29, 2017, when a tree limb fell and struck Rodney Collett
15 and the fire apparatus he was on while working a wildland fire incident, he sustained
16 critical injuries to his head and arm; and

17 WHEREAS, Rodney Collet crossed over to glory three weeks later on November
18 17, after succumbing to his wounds sustained while in the line of duty; and

19 WHEREAS, in addition Rodney Collett is survived by his parents, the Reverend
20 Ted and Shirley Collett; sister, Connie Jo; aunts, Jo Ann Falin, Kay Knuckles, and Sue
21 Simpson. Survivors also include uncles Ray Knuckles, Tommy Collett, and Malcolm
22 Asher; and

23 WHEREAS, Rodney Collett was a great influence and mentor for his three
24 nephews, Caleb and Cole Baker and Joshua Knuckles, all whom he adored tremendously;

25 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

27 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky

- 1 Route 66 in Bell County, near its intersection with Kentucky Route 2011, as the "Ted
- 2 Rodney Collett Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
- 3 Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.