

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Ballard Shepherd Memorial Bridge in
2 Johnson County.

3 WHEREAS, Ballard Shepherd was born July 6, 1939, in Floyd County, Kentucky,
4 son of the late Brice and Lula Shepherd; and

5 WHEREAS, Ballard Shepherd served in the United States Army and fought in
6 Vietnam with the 82nd Airborne Division, and later with the 101st Airborne Division;
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8 WHEREAS, upon his return to Johnson County, Ballard Shepherd operated service
9 stations at two different locations in the county; and

10 WHEREAS, Ballard Shepherd joined the Disabled American Veterans (DAV),
11 became their adjutant for two years, and was then elected as Commander of Chapter #18,
12 a post he held for 18 years; and

13 WHEREAS, in his 18 years of volunteer service as the Commander to Chapter #18,
14 Ballard Shepherd organized close to 1,000 military funerals; countless flag postings and
15 flag raisings for schools, nursing homes, and storefronts; and numerous school
16 appearances both on and around Veterans' Day; as well as establishing a program that
17 helped surrounding schools buy school clothes for the less fortunate; and

18 WHEREAS, Ballard Shepherd remained active and continued to help out where he
19 could throughout his last days before eventually succumbing to cancer, assisting
20 numerous veterans in Johnson County and neighboring counties to obtain their due
21 compensation, as well as assisting veterans with paying bills when desperately needed;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Ballard Shepherd traversed these earthly bonds on January 18, 2019,
24 leaving behind a family, friends, and community that is much poorer for their loss; and

25 WHEREAS, Ballard Shepherd is survived by his wife, Phyllis Ann Fulton
26 Shepherd; three sons, Daryl, Tim, and Danny; three daughters, Glenda Sue Stone, Rhonda
27 Goble, and Sheena Leigh Samons; one brother, Arvill Shepherd; one sister, Eva Jean

1 Sybol; and fifteen grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, it is fitting that the life of community service of Ballard Shepherd be
3 honored and recognized in a tangible way;

4 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

6 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
7 Route 321 in Johnson County that crosses over Kentucky Route 1428 (Bridge #
8 058B00040N) as the "Ballard Shepherd Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of
9 the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.