

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Corporal Windell J. Simmons Highway in  
2 Christian County.

3           WHEREAS, Corporal Windell Jeryd Simmons was born February 26, 1986, in  
4 Nuremburg, Germany, and he traversed these earthly bounds September 23, 2006; and

5           WHEREAS, Windell Jeryd Simmons was the loving son of William Simmons and  
6 Betty Deal Simmons-Mayo; he was the caring brother of Jarysa L. Simmons and William  
7 J. Deal; he was the stepson of Jamel Mayo; he was the step-grandson of a paternal step-  
8 grandmother, Alfreda Brewer; and he also leaves behind many other family members who  
9 loved him dearly; and

10          WHEREAS, Corporal Windell Jeryd Simmons graduated from Christian County  
11 High School in 2004; and

12          WHEREAS, Corporal Windell Jeryd Simmons enlisted in the United States Army  
13 in 2004; he was assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 67th Armor Regiment, 4th Brigade, 4th  
14 Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas; and he deployed to Iraq in support of Operation Iraqi  
15 Freedom in December, 2005; and

16          WHEREAS, the life of Corporal Windell Jeryd Simmons ended prematurely of  
17 injuries when an improvised explosive device detonated near his Humvee during combat  
18 operations in Taji, Iraq; and

19          WHEREAS, Corporal Windell Jeryd Simmons gallantly served his country with  
20 honor and distinction; he was remembered as "a good, outstanding man . . . a leader  
21 among his peers . . . a good son, a good brother and an American hero" by his family and  
22 friends; he was laid to rest with full military honors; and his awards and decorations  
23 include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense  
24 Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, and Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

25          WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Kentucky has the highest respect for Corporal  
26 Windell Jeryd Simmons and is deeply grateful for the sacrifice he made for the freedom  
27 of all Americans and to ensure the freedom of the Iraqi people; and

1           WHEREAS, the passing of Corporal Windell Jeryd Simmons has left a void that  
2 cannot be filled, and he is mourned across the length and breadth of the Commonwealth;

3           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

5           ➔Section 1.    The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the United States  
6 Highway 68 Bypass in Christian County, from the intersection with Kentucky Route 107  
7 to the intersection with United States Highway 41A, as the "Corporal Windell J.  
8 Simmons Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
9 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.