

A JOINT RESOLUTION designating Kentucky Route 222 from Kentucky Route 1136 to Robey Road in Hardin County as the "Firefighter Jonathan French Memorial Highway."

WHEREAS, Jonathan French was born on November 1, 1988, in Leitchfield, Kentucky, the beloved son of Jackie R. and Lisa Peters French; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French attended Central Hardin High School in Cecilia, Kentucky and was a member of Stephensburg Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French's grandfather and father were volunteer firefighters at the time of his birth and he grew up hanging around the station; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French obtained his firefighter certification through the Kentucky Fire Commission and was the lieutenant for the Glendale Fire Department at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French was an advocate for better training and would train anytime there was an opportunity; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French was always at any function or training the department had, as well as public safety and public education events; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French lived a simple life and did not require much as long as you gave it your all when it came to fire service; and

WHEREAS, on August 6, 2014, Jonathan French and his mother and fellow firefighter, Lisa French, were responding to a vehicle fire when a tractor trailer slammed into the fire truck; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French was killed; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French was survived by his loving parents; one brother, Joshua French; two sisters, Heather French and Rebekah French; and a special uncle and fire chief, Richard Peters; and

WHEREAS, firefighting was a passion for Jonathan French, he lived it, breathed it, and his life was taken doing it; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French touched the lives of many in the fire service and throughout the community with his bubbly personality and dedication to his job; and

WHEREAS, Jonathan French will be sorely missed by all his family, the fire department family, his friends, and his community;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 222 from Kentucky Route 1136 to Robey Road in Hardin County as the "Firefighter Jonathan French Memorial Highway," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.