

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to designate the
2 Chief Rob Orkies and Battalion Chief Garry Key Memorial Highway in Bullitt County.

3 WHEREAS, Rob Orkies, Chief of the Zoneton Fire Protection District, passed away
4 on December 11, 2020, after a dual battle with cancer and COVID-19; and

5 WHEREAS, Garry Key, Battalion Chief with the Zoneton Fire District, who served
6 as Acting Chief after Chief Orkies's death, also passed away on February 13, 2021, after a
7 long battle with COVID-19; and

8 WHEREAS, Rob Orkies was a firefighter for 36 years, joining the Zoneton Fire
9 District in 1994, and becoming chief in 2003; and

10 WHEREAS, Rob Orkies spent his life doing what he loved; as he said in an
11 interview in October 2020, "I want to serve the community I live in. I want to serve the
12 community my kids play in and my wife and my grandkids are in, and that's what has kept
13 me here. I've never looked anywhere else"; and

14 WHEREAS, Garry Key, a 35-year veteran, was the longest-serving member of the
15 Zoneton Fire District; and

16 WHEREAS, one of his fellow firefighters said of Garry Key, "Garry touched so
17 many lives in our community, being there so many years that he was well known. Not just
18 with the department, but with the whole community"; and

19 WHEREAS, the loss of these two great men has had a profound effect on the
20 Zoneton community, and their lives of service and dedication to that community should
21 be recognized in a tangible way;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 61 in
25 Bullitt County, from the Jefferson County line to the intersection with Kentucky Route
26 1526, as the "Chief Robert Orkies and Battalion Chief Garry Key Memorial Highway"
27 and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs

- 1 denoting this designation. This designation will supersede any previous designation for
- 2 this portion of Kentucky Route 61.