

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Laurel River bridge on Interstate 75 in  
2 Laurel County, Kentucky, in honor and memory of fallen soldier Sergeant First Class  
3 Lance Scott Cornett.

4 WHEREAS, Lance Scott Cornett was born July 11, 1972, in San Francisco,  
5 California, and graduated from Laurel County High School in London, Kentucky; and

6 WHEREAS, Lance Cornett first entered the Army as an infantryman on August 13,  
7 1991, and after completion of initial entry training was assigned to the Headquarters and  
8 Headquarters Company, 3rd Battalion, 14th Infantry Brigade, 10th Mountain Division;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Lance Cornett valiantly served in 6th Battalion,  
11 101st Aviation Regiment, 101st Airborne Division; F Company, 61st Infantry Long  
12 Range surveillance Detachment, 519th Military Intelligence Battalion; Delta Company,  
13 4th Ranger Training Brigade; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 4th Ranger  
14 Training Brigade; and

15 WHEREAS, SFC Lance Cornett was assigned to the United States Army Special  
16 Operations Command, Fort Bragg, in May 2004; and

17 WHEREAS, SFC Lance Cornett's awards and decorations include two Bronze Star  
18 Medals with Valor Device, the Joint Service Commendation Medal, three Army  
19 Commendation Medals, nine Army Achievement Medals, the Joint Meritorious Unit  
20 Award, four Army Good Conduct Medals, the National Defense Service Medal with  
21 Bronze Service Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with Bronze Service Star,  
22 the Iraqi Campaign Medal, the Global War On Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the  
23 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Noncommissioned Officer Professional  
24 Development Ribbon with numeral three, the Army Service Ribbon, the Ranger Tab, the  
25 Sapper Tab, the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the  
26 Pathfinder Badge, the Military Freefall Jumpmaster Badge, the Master Parachutist Badge,  
27 the Air Assault Badge and the Special Operations Diver Badge; and

1           WHEREAS, on the afternoon of February 3, 2006, as a member of a Joint Task  
2 Force, SFC Lance Cornett completed time-sensitive planning with members of a  
3 composite team to target an individual along Route Golden between Samarra and Route  
4 Michigan. Once compromise authority was given to assault, the targeted individual  
5 spotted the team and attempted to signal to a group of unknown Iraqis across the canal.  
6 The target then ran and jumped into the canal in an attempt to gain an offensive position  
7 against SFC Cornett's team. With total disregard for his own personal safety, SFC Cornett  
8 tracked down, engaged, and killed the targeted individual, ensuring that the mission was a  
9 success; and

10           WHEREAS, while heading south on Route Golden to return to base, the team came  
11 under attack from both pursuing vehicles and static ambush positions. Once again, SFC  
12 Lance Cornett's fearlessness and courage under fire was evident as he tenaciously fought  
13 back the enemy with precision fire and prevented the pursuing vehicle from interdicting  
14 his team by killing the driver and passengers. His actions undoubtedly aided in the return  
15 of all his teammates back to base; and

16           WHEREAS, the life of SFC Lance Scott Cornett ended prematurely on February 3,  
17 2006, from mortal gunshot wounds sustained while heroically engaging with armed  
18 enemy forces in the Al Anbar province of Iraq; and

19           WHEREAS, SFC Lance Cornett's actions on February 3, 2006 exemplify every  
20 aspect of heroism and determination that can be expected from a Delta Force Soldier. His  
21 courage and aggressive actions that day undoubtedly had an effect on the outcome of the  
22 battle. For his valorous actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom, SFC Lance Scott Cornett  
23 was posthumously awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor device, Defense  
24 Meritorious Service Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

25           WHEREAS, SFC Lance Cornett is survived by his wife, Sandra; his children,  
26 Brandy, Christopher, and Brianna; and his parents, Karen McMullen and Rhudell  
27 Cornett;

1           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

3           ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the Laurel River bridge  
4 on Kentucky Interstate 75 in Laurel County as the "SFC Lance S. Cornett Memorial  
5 Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the  
6 appropriate signage.