

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a bridge on United States Highway 421 in
2 Harlan County in honor and memory of United States Marine PFC Kenneth Ward Harris.

3 WHEREAS, Kenneth Ward Harris was born August 13, 1948, in Grays Knob,
4 Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, on August 8, 1967, PFC Kenneth Ward Harris began serving his
6 country during the Vietnam War as a rifleman in the United States Marines. He was a
7 member of M Company, 3rd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division, III Marine
8 Amphibious Force, in the Quang Nam Province of South Vietnam; and

9 WHEREAS, on November 9, 1967, PFC Kenneth Ward Harris traversed these
10 earthly bounds when he was killed in action from wounds sustained from an explosive
11 device; and

12 WHEREAS, for his bravery and ultimate sacrifice during war time, PFC Kenneth
13 Ward Harris was awarded a Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam
14 Service Medal, and a Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

15 WHEREAS, the name of Kenneth Ward Harris can be located on Panel 29E, Line
16 58 on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C.; and

17 WHEREAS, through this designation, the General Assembly both collectively and
18 individually seek to honor the memory and ultimate sacrifice made to his country by PFC
19 Kenneth Ward Harris;

20 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

22 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on United
23 States Highway 421 in Harlan County, near mile point 12.8 as the "PFC Kenneth Ward
24 Harris Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
25 Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.