

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Mason County Vietnam Veterans
2 Memorial Highway.

3 WHEREAS, it is the men and women of the Armed Forces who, since the inception
4 of this great nation, have won and defended the freedoms that we now enjoy; and

5 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces have intervened in countless conflicts
6 around the world to stop the spread of tyranny, overthrow murderous despots, and allow
7 the liberties we enjoy in this great nation to flourish around the world; and

8 WHEREAS, the places that our servicemen and servicewomen have gone to secure
9 and defend our liberties span the globe from Bunker Hill and the Alamo, to such far-flung
10 locales as Bastogne, Normandy, Iwo Jima, Inchon, Saigon, Kuwait City, and Kandahar;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, time and again throughout this great nation's history, countless
13 soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines have served their country with courage, diligence,
14 and honor; and

15 WHEREAS, at home and on foreign battlefields, row upon row of headstones stand
16 as mute testimony to the courage and sacrifice of America's sons and daughters; and

17 WHEREAS, thousands of patriotic men and women have answered their nation's
18 call to service in times of great need, often giving the ultimate sacrifice; and

19 WHEREAS, our veterans deserve our gratitude and recognition for their devotion
20 and service to our nation and its citizens; and

21 WHEREAS, tragically, the brave veterans from the Vietnam War were often not
22 accorded the respect and gratitude they deserved when they returned home from that
23 conflict; and

24 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this sometimes shameful lack of
25 appreciation be rectified through a tangible symbol, no matter how insignificant it might
26 be in comparison to the service rendered to our nation;

27 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

2 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 9 in
3 Mason County, from United States Highway 68 to Kentucky Route 10, as the "Mason
4 County Veterans Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of
5 this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage denoting this designation.