

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Emanuel C. Turner Memorial Highway in
2 Breathitt County.

3 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Turner, son of Oakley and Susie Turner, was born on May
4 29, 1947, on Turners Creek, Talbert, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor enjoyed reading history books and encyclopedias
6 for the joy of learning and had tremendous capacity to remember what he learned. He
7 earned his medical degree from the University of Louisville in 1973, and returned to his
8 beloved Breathitt County where he worked for twenty years; and

9 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor later attended the University of Kentucky College
10 of Law, earning his juris doctor in 1995, and practiced law in Jackson for twenty years at
11 his law firm, Turner and O'Neill. His partner, Patrick O'Neill, was a friend whom he
12 highly respected and greatly enjoyed spending time with; and

13 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor loved people and enjoyed meeting them statewide
14 while campaigning for Steve Beshear for lieutenant governor and governor. He also
15 enjoyed meeting people when he ran for Breathitt County Judge/Executive. Even though
16 he lost his bid for Breathitt County Judge/Executive by fewer than 40 votes, he never
17 regretted the time spent visiting people throughout the county, learning their relationships
18 and histories; and

19 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor was a member of the Turners Creek Mennonite
20 Church, which was founded the year he was born, and throughout his life served as
21 Sunday School teacher, spending hours researching and compiling his own lessons,
22 worship leader where he played guitar and sang; and moderator where he surprised the
23 congregation each Sunday with his varied subjects of opening remarks; and

24 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor loved his family greatly and enjoyed spending
25 time at home with his wife, Brenda Fern, their children, Beverly, David, Susan, and
26 Stephanie, and their nine grandchildren. He was also close to his sister, Mattie Ruth, her
27 husband Mike Riley, and their sons, Michael Cohen and Randy. He loved nothing better

1 than large family gatherings which often included Brenda's large Swartzentruber clan;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, after being diagnosed with cancer, Emanuel C. Turner was determined
4 to live as long as he could to see his grandchildren grow up and fought almost five years
5 before his death on October 8, 2017; and

6 WHEREAS, Emanuel C. Taylor, who was described on his death as a "salt of the
7 earth person", leaves behind a lifetime of friends and family who continue to miss his
8 gentleness, knowledge, sense of humor, and desire to help others; and

9 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the life of Emanuel C. Taylor be
10 memorialized in some tangible way;

11 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

13 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 1933 in
14 Breathitt County as the "Emanuel C. Taylor Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30
15 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signage denoting this
16 designation.