

1           A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Captain Zachary Chase Clevenger  
2 Memorial Bridge in Estill County.

3           "If Prometheus was worthy of the wrath of heaven for kindling the first fire upon  
4 earth, how ought all the gods honor the men who make it their professional business to  
5 put it out?"~John Godfrey Saxe

6           WHEREAS, Zachary Chase Clevenger was born in Lexington, Kentucky on March  
7 22, 1985, the son of Tony Clevenger and Tammy Clevenger; and

8           WHEREAS, Chase Clevenger received a Bachelor of Science degree from Eastern  
9 Kentucky University in Fire and Safety Engineering Technology/Fire, Arson and  
10 Explosion Investigation, and had been employed by Matrix Investigation Group, Inc. as a  
11 fire investigator since 2007; and

12           WHEREAS, Chase Clevenger served with Montgomery County Fire and EMS  
13 since 2009 as a captain, firefighter, and EMT; he also served with the Estill County Fire  
14 Department as a part-time professional firefighter and volunteer firefighter since 2008;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, Chase Clevenger was a dedicated public servant who had a deep  
17 passion for the fire service, as evidenced by his work as an instructor who taught about  
18 the fire service and fire investigation, truly leading by example; and

19           WHEREAS, Chase Clevenger loved a good prank and was always smiling and  
20 laughing, gave 110% in everything that he did, and left a lasting impression on everyone  
21 he met; and

22           WHEREAS, Chase Clevenger was the loving husband of Christina Coomer-  
23 Clevenger, and in late fall of 2015 received the happy news that the couple would be  
24 expecting their first child, a boy, that next summer

25           WHEREAS, On December 5, 2015 Chase Clevenger, after fighting a structure fire  
26 the previous night, gave his life in the line of duty, passing away from cardiac  
27 dysrhythmia that was directly caused by the fire; and

1           WHEREAS, Chase Clevenger's ultimate legacy is a life of dignity, honor, courage,  
2 and integrity, selflessly serving and sacrificing for the greater good of others; and

3           WHEREAS, Chase Clevenger was survived by his wife and parents, as well as his  
4 son, Zachary Chase Clevenger II, who was welcomed into this world that his father  
5 strived to make better, on June 30, 2016; and

6           WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the extraordinary life and legacy of service  
7 of Chase Clevenger be given some tangible recognition, however inadequate it might be  
8 in comparison to his sacrifice;

9           NOW, THEREFORE,

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

11           ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky  
12 Route 52, over the Kentucky River in the city of Irvine, as the "Captain Zachary Chase  
13 Clevenger Memorial Bridge" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this  
14 Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.