

1 A RESOLUTION urging the Transportation Cabinet to include Yvonne Jordan on
2 the Country Music Highway in Lawrence County.

3 WHEREAS, Yvonne Jordan was born in Louisa, Kentucky, to a musically talented
4 family, and her father, Tom Jordan, regularly played his guitar for their family and
5 friends; and

6 WHEREAS, from as early as she could remember, Yvonne Jordan harbored a deep
7 passion for singing, and she refined her vocal skills from a young age; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1968, Tom Jordan, his brothers, and a few friends formed a new
9 band called The Cherryville Drifters to perform locally; and

10 WHEREAS, during the Fourth of July celebration of 1968 at the Lawrence County
11 Courthouse in Louisa, The Cherryville Drifters performed on a makeshift stage made out
12 of a flatbed truck in the parking lot; and

13 WHEREAS, only eight years old at the time, Yvonne Jordan was lifted onto the
14 flatbed, where she proceeded to perform a rendition of Hank Williams' 1951 song "Hey
15 Good Lookin" for the gathered crowd; and

16 WHEREAS, the audience was quickly captivated by young Yvonne Jordan, and her
17 father's band was asked to perform more gigs at local venues; and

18 WHEREAS, over the next decade, The Cherryville Drifters would perform all
19 around the tri-state area, including opening for George Jones when Yvonne was only 10
20 years old; and

21 WHEREAS, in her later years of childhood, Yvonne Jordan would perform at
22 church and school functions, and she joined a band from Charleston, West Virginia, for
23 around three years; and

24 WHEREAS, upon establishing her own career, Yvonne Jordan spent 12 years
25 touring the world as a back-up singer for the "First Lady of Country Music," Tammy
26 Wynette; and

27 WHEREAS, Yvonne Jordan pursued a solo career in Nashville, Tennessee, for a

1 short time, writing several songs that showed a musical gift for lyricism as notable as her
2 singing ability; and

3 WHEREAS, upon the death of Tammy Wynette in 1998, Yvonne Jordan retired
4 from touring and directed her talents toward her successful business that specialized in
5 custom interior design finishes for homes; and

6 WHEREAS, in recognition of Yvonne Jordan's talent, success, and love for her
7 home state, it is appropriate that her life and career be acknowledged on the Country
8 Music Highway;

9 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

12 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet is urged to honor the accomplishments of
13 Yvonne Jordan by including her on the Country Music Highway on United States
14 Highway 23 in Lawrence County, and to erect appropriate signage denoting this
15 designation.