1   A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the addition of an honorary sign for Don Rigsby

2   on the Country Music Highway.

3   WHEREAS, Don Rigsby was born February 18, 1968, grew up in Isonville,

4   Kentucky, in rural Elliott County listening to early Ralph Stanley records and to the high

5   lonesome sounds of his cousin Ricky Skaggs; and

6   WHEREAS, Don Rigsby has sung since he can remember, started playing guitar at

7   age 12, added the mandolin and fiddle, and plays dulcimer; and

8   WHEREAS, Don Rigsby worked his way through Morehead State University

9   playing music with Charlie Sizemore, emerged onto the national scene as a member of

10   The Bluegrass Cardinals, played with J.D. Crowe and The New South, and was a member

11   of the award-winning Lonesome River Band; and

12   WHEREAS, Don Rigsby is a two-time Grammy nominee, is a two-time Society for

13   the Preservation of Bluegrass Music of America (SPBGMA) Traditional Male Vocalist of

14   the Year, shared two International Bluegrass Music Association (IBMA) Awards while

15   performing with Longview, and sang on a Grammy-winning album by rocker John

16   Fogerty; and

17   WHEREAS, Don Rigsby's first album, "A Vision," won the Association of

18   Independent Music's "Gospel Album of the Year" award and was nominated for an IBMA

19   Award; and

20   WHEREAS, Don Rigsby received the 1999 Bluegrass Now Magazine Fans' Choice

21   Award for Vocal Tenor of the Year and the 2001 Governor's Kentucky Star Award;

22   "Empty Old Mailbox," the title track from his third album, won the 2001 Song of the

23   Year Award from SPBGMA; and

24   WHEREAS, the achievements of Don Rigsby merit his inclusion on Kentucky's

25   famed Country Music Highway;

26   NOW, THEREFORE,

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

1 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall honor the accomplishments of Don

2 Rigsby by including him on the Country Music Highway on United States Route 23 in

3 Greenup County, and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect

4 appropriate signs denoting this designation.