

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the placement of honorary signs indicating that
2 Barren County is the birthplace of two recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor,
3 Sergeant William Day and Corporal Richard Bush.

4 WHEREAS, the Congressional Medal of Honor is the United States of America's
5 highest military honor, awarded for personal acts of valor above and beyond the call of
6 duty; and

7 WHEREAS, there have been 3,468 Medals of Honor awarded to the nation's
8 soldiers, sailors, airmen, marines, and coastguardsmen since the decoration's creation in
9 1861, approximately 1,000 of which have been awarded since World War I; and

10 WHEREAS, dozens of Kentuckians have been awarded our nation's highest
11 military honor, with two sons of Barren County included in that roll; and

12 WHEREAS, First Sergeant William L. Day, serving with Company E, 5th United
13 States Cavalry during the Indian Campaign of 1872-73, was awarded the Medal of Honor
14 for "Gallant conduct during campaigns and engagements with Apaches"; and

15 WHEREAS, Marine Corporal Richard Earl Bush, a native of Glasgow, received the
16 Medal of Honor for his gallantry on Mount Yaetake on Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands, 16
17 April, 1945; and

18 WHEREAS, Corporal Bush's award citation recounts his selfless actions on that
19 day: "Rallying his men forward with indomitable determination, Cpl. Bush boldly defied
20 the slashing fury of concentrated Japanese artillery fire pouring down from the gun-
21 studded mountain fortress to lead his squad up the face of the rocky precipice, sweep over
22 the ridge, and drive the defending troops from their deeply entrenched position. With his
23 unit, the first to break through to the inner defense of Mount Yaetake, he fought
24 relentlessly in the forefront of the action until seriously wounded and evacuated with
25 others under protecting rocks. Although prostrate under medical treatment when a
26 Japanese hand grenade landed in the midst of the group, Cpl. Bush, alert and courageous
27 in extremity as in battle, unhesitatingly pulled the deadly missile to himself and absorbed

1 the shattering violence of the exploding charge in his body, thereby saving his fellow
2 marines from severe injury or death despite the certain peril to his own life... His constant
3 concern for the welfare of his men, his resolute spirit of self-sacrifice, and his unwavering
4 devotion to duty throughout the bitter conflict enhance and sustain the highest traditions
5 of the United States Naval Service"; and

6 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that these two sons of Barren County be
7 remembered for their service and sacrifice to this great nation;

8 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

10 ➔Section 1. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, the
11 Transportation Cabinet shall erect permanent signs on United States Route 68 entering
12 Barren County that denote Barren County as the birthplace of two recipients of the
13 Congressional Medal of Honor, Sergeant William L. Day, and Corporal Richard E. Bush.