A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the bridge at Bobs Creek at the intersection of Kentucky Routes 1556 and 3001 in Harlan County, in honor and memory of fallen soldier Private First Class Beacher O. Howard.

WHEREAS, PFC Beacher Howard joined the United States Army on August 12, 1944; and

WHEREAS, PFC Beacher Howard was assigned to the 175th Infantry Regiment of the 29th Infantry Division upon the completion of his training; and

WHEREAS, PFC Beacher Howard's unit fought in Normandy, France, and landed on Omaha Beach on June 7, 1944, a day after the initial landing; and

WHEREAS, PFC Beacher Howard's unit helped capture the German stronghold Isigny that supplied Omaha and Utah beaches when they had been occupied by the Germans; and

WHEREAS, PFC Beacher Howard's unit fought at St. Lo-Vivlae, Brest, Fallase Gap, Belgium, Holland, Aachen, Oldenhoe, and Borheim before concluding their campaign during World War II; and

WHEREAS, PFC Beacher Howard paid the ultimate price in defense of his country on August 12, 1944, when he was struck by a mortar shell during combat; and

WHEREAS, this memorial bridge designation will serve as a constant reminder of PFC Beacher Howard's sacrifice for his country;

NOW, THEREFORE,

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

➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge at Bobs Creek at the intersection of Kentucky Route 3001 and Kentucky Route 1556 in Harlan County in honor of Private First Class Beacher O. Howard and erect signs that read:

"PFC Beacher O. Howard
Memorial Bridge".

The signs shall be erected within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution.