

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of Kentucky Route 1934 in
2 Jefferson County as the Andrew and Charlotte Wade Memorial Highway.

3 WHEREAS, Andrew Wade was born February 12, 1922, in Nashville, Tennessee;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Charlotte Ann Williams Wade was born November 22, 1928, in
6 Louisville, Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, Andrew and Charlotte Wade were married in 1950, and Andrew Wade
8 went on to serve in the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

9 WHEREAS, upon returning home from service in the Korean War, Andrew Wade
10 began work as an electric contractor and began searching for a home in Louisville for his
11 family with his wife; and

12 WHEREAS, Andrew and Charlotte Wade approached their friends Anne and Carl
13 Braden with a plan to have the Braden's purchase a home in an all white segregated
14 neighborhood in Shively, and then transfer the title to the Wades; and

15 WHEREAS, in May of 1954, Andrew and Charlotte Wade moved into the home in
16 Shively and found that the residents of the neighborhood were unwelcoming and openly
17 hostile to living in the same neighborhood as a Black family; and

18 WHEREAS, after the Wades moved into the home, just days after the landmark
19 Supreme Court decision in the "Brown v. Board of Education" case, the house was shot
20 at, a cross was burned in the yard, and bricks were thrown through the windows; and

21 WHEREAS, on June 27, 1954, while Andrew and Charlotte Wade were out, the
22 house was bombed; and

23 WHEREAS, those who bombed the home of Andrew and Charlotte Wade were
24 never brought to justice; and

25 WHEREAS, Andrew and Charlotte Wade then moved to a traditionally Black
26 neighborhood in the west end of Louisville; and

27 WHEREAS, the terrorism perpetrated against Wades and the bombing of their

1 home became a rallying call and important moment for the civil rights movement and
2 directly led to legislation such as the 1968 Fair Housing Act; and

3 WHEREAS, Andrew Wade passed away on September 26, 2005, and Charlotte
4 Wade passed away on January 11, 2020; and

5 WHEREAS, Andrew and Charlotte Wade showed immense courage and tenacity
6 when they moved into the all white segregated neighborhood of Shively in 1954, and
7 their contribution to the civil rights movement and the history of Louisville deserves
8 tangible recognition;

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 portion of Kentucky
12 Route 1934 in Jefferson County, from its intersection with Kentucky Route 1727 to its
13 end at Wilson Avenue (mile point 11.5), as the "Andrew and Charlotte Wade Memorial
14 Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect
15 appropriate signs denoting this designation.