

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the New Hope Veterans Memorial Bridge in
2 Nelson County.

3 WHEREAS, with the world facing the threat of fascism, the United States' entry
4 into World War II resulted in many Kentucky families left to watch as their sons and
5 brothers departed to defend freedom abroad with the knowledge they may not return; and

6 WHEREAS, like many other communities across the Commonwealth, New Hope
7 lost five of its own over the course of the war, leaving irrevocable voids within families
8 and the community; and

9 WHEREAS, among the men from New Hope killed in action during World War II
10 were Fire Controlman 3 George David O'Bryan, Fire Controlman 3 Joseph Benjamin
11 O'Bryan, and Chief Pharmacist's Mate James Thomas Cheshire, who were all slain at
12 Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941; and

13 WHEREAS, Private John S. Moore, also from New Hope, was killed in action
14 during World War II when he heroically sacrificed himself in protection of his comrades
15 after realizing he was the lone single man of the group; and

16 WHEREAS, also from New Hope and killed in action during World War II was
17 Private Howard B. Hicks, who stepped on a mine while attempting to disarm it on
18 November 28, 1944, outside Beeck, Germany, killing him instantly; and

19 WHEREAS, these five young men shared little other than their hometown and a
20 deep desire to protect the United States and their fellow countrymen; and

21 WHEREAS, these five young men's lives were tragically cut short while in service
22 to the United States and its people, and it is fitting that their sacrifice be honored in some
23 material way; and

24 WHEREAS, this bridge designation will serve as a tangible reminder of the
25 ultimate sacrifice of Fire Controlman 3 George David O'Bryan, Fire Controlman 3 Joseph
26 Benjamin O'Bryan, Chief Pharmacist's Mate James Thomas Cheshire, Private John S.
27 Moore, Private Howard B. Hicks, and any other fallen and unnamed New Hope veterans

1 in protection of and service to the United States;

2 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

4 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
5 Route 52 crossing Pottinger Creek (Bridge ID #090B00097N) as the "New Hope
6 Veterans Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this
7 Resolution, erect signs denoting this designation.