

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the H. Gordon Martin Memorial Highway in
2 Boone and Kenton Counties.

3 WHEREAS, H. Gordon Martin was born in 1928 to Harry and Geneva Martin, who
4 owned a foundry business in Ludlow, Kentucky; and

5 WHEREAS, as a second son, Gordon Martin knew he would not inherit the family
6 business and, looking for other opportunities, discovered a book titled "How to Build a
7 House for \$3,500"; deciding to try his hand at construction, he built a small house in the
8 area where the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport is now; and

9 WHEREAS, Gordon Martin went on to own his own construction company,
10 building affordable homes, including houses for returning World War II servicemen, as
11 well as building subdivisions such as Ranchhill, Maywood, and Cherryhill in Erlanger,
12 along with developing a number of other businesses; and

13 WHEREAS, Gordon Martin was a founding member and past president of the
14 Kentucky Homebuilders Association and the Northern Kentucky Homebuilders
15 Association; and

16 WHEREAS, Gordon Martin was elected as president of the Covington-Kenton
17 Boone Chamber of Commerce, and in 1968, was instrumental in merging that
18 organization with the Campbell County Chamber to form the Northern Kentucky
19 Chamber of Commerce, of which he served as chairman in 1975; and

20 WHEREAS, in addition to his service with the Chamber of Commerce, Gordon
21 Martin served in many public service roles, including serving on the Board of Regents of
22 Northern Kentucky University, of which he served as chair in 1982; chairing a task force
23 to save the Transit Authority of Northern Kentucky in 1978; heading the Northern
24 Kentucky Economic Development Task Force; serving on the Northern Kentucky
25 Convention and Visitors Bureau and the Kenton County Airport Board; and chairing
26 Governor Martha Layne Collins' Sixth District Highway Task Force, which promoted the
27 construction of a new highway, Interstate 275; and

1 WHEREAS, Gordon Martin traversed these earthly bounds on October 10, 2002, at
2 the age of 73; and

3 WHEREAS, Gordon Martin's life was eloquently summarized by one of his
4 surviving sons, Dr. Stephen Martin of Atlanta: "He was a special man. He was
5 particularly insightful, a visionary and quite clever. He always managed to persevere and
6 see his way through. He loved Northern Kentucky and put the community's interests at
7 the top of the list."; and

8 WHEREAS, in addition to Dr. Martin, at the time of his passing, Gordon Martin
9 was survived by his wife of 53 years, Thelma F. Spalding Martin; a brother, Donald W.
10 of Florence; two other sons, Douglas G. of Covington and David W. of Union; and six
11 grandchildren;

12 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

14 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the portion of Kentucky
15 Route 236 in Boone and Kenton Counties, from the intersection with Kentucky Route
16 3076 in Boone County (mile point 1.594) to the intersection with Baker Street in Kenton
17 County (mile point 2.007) as the "H. Gordon Martin Memorial Highway" and shall,
18 within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting
19 this designation.