

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a portion of Kentucky Route 55 in Marion
2 County in honor and memory of Dr. Salem George.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Salem George was born on October 11, 1932, the cherished son of
4 his loving immigrant parents, the late Hyleme Salem and Nonie Abraham George; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Salem George was a proud graduate of St. Augustine High School
6 and the University of Louisville, where he earned both his Bachelor of Science and
7 Medical degrees; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Salem George returned to Lebanon after his medical internship,
9 practicing there for 58 years. He devotedly cared for multiple generations, delivering over
10 6,000 babies; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Salem George was a pillar of his community, church, and
12 profession. He was an avid supporter of St. Augustine School, to which he felt greatly
13 indebted, and he served on numerous boards, including the University of Louisville Board
14 of Trustees, University of Louisville Board of Governors, University of Louisville
15 Foundation, Archdiocese of Louisville Education Foundation Endowment Committee, St.
16 Catharine College Board of Trustees, Norton Healthcare Ethics Committee, Community
17 Trust Bank Board of Trustees, Kentucky Medical Association Board of Trustees, Spring
18 View Hospital Board of Trustees, where he served as Chairman for numerous years, and
19 the Marion County Board of Health, where he served for more than 40 years; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Salem George founded several medical and nursing facilities to fit
21 the needs of his community and surrounding area, including the Cedars of Lebanon
22 Nursing Center, St. Francis Nursing Center, Village of Lebanon Nursing Home, Family
23 and Internal Medical Associates, and Taylor County Cancer Center; and

24 WHEREAS, during more than half a century of service, Dr. Salem George received
25 countless awards and commendations, including Lebanon Marion County Chamber of
26 Commerce Outstanding Citizen, Jaycees of Kentucky Outstanding Young Man, Health
27 Kentucky Lifetime Service Award, Kentucky Medical Association Community Service

1 Award, Kentucky Association of Healthcare Facilities–Facility Discipline Award,
2 American Medical Association Pride in Profession Award, American Academy of Nurse
3 Practitioners State Award of Excellence, Archdiocese of Louisville Distinguished
4 Alumnus Award, University of Louisville Alumnus of the Year, and the 2013 Papal
5 Award bestowed by Pope Francis, the highest award given by the Holy Father to the
6 faithful honoring lifelong service to the church; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Salem George departed this earthly life on October 15, 2018,
8 leaving his family, friends, and community in solemn mourning; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Salem George was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived
10 by his wife of 62 years, Eva Bland George; his siblings, Irene George Raterman, JoAnn
11 George Gormley, Anthony George, Donald George, Hyleme George Jr., and Debbie
12 George Mathews; his children, Nonie George, Salem George Jr., Timothy George, David
13 George, Caroline George Meena, Marianne George Peters; 13 grandchildren; and a host
14 of other family members, friends, and loved ones who will dearly miss his presence in
15 their lives;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

18 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate Kentucky Route 55 in
19 Marion County, from the Marion/Washington county line to its intersection with
20 Kentucky Route 2154, as the "Dr. Salem George Memorial Highway," and shall, within
21 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate signage.