

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial
2 Highway in Logan County.

3 WHEREAS, born on Tuesday, January 15, 1929, at his family's home in Atlanta,
4 Georgia, Martin Luther King, Jr. was the second child but first son born to the Reverend
5 Martin Luther King, Sr., and Alberta Williams King; and

6 WHEREAS, graduating from Morehouse College in 1948 with a Bachelor of Arts
7 degree in Sociology, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., earned a Bachelor of Divinity degree
8 from Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania in 1951, and he was awarded his
9 Ph.D. degree in Systematic Theology in 1955 from Boston University; and

10 WHEREAS, on June 18, 1953, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., married his soul mate
11 Coretta Scott; and

12 WHEREAS, between November 17, 1955, and March 28, 1963, Dr. and Mrs.
13 Martin Luther King, Jr., became the proud parents of four children, Yolanda Denise,
14 Martin Luther III, Dexter Scott, and Bernice Albertine; and

15 WHEREAS, upon graduation from Boston University, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.,
16 was called to be the Pastor of the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery,
17 Alabama; and

18 WHEREAS, while shepherding the flock of Dexter Avenue Baptist Church, Dr.
19 Martin Luther King, Jr., was thrust into the firestorm of hatred that existed throughout
20 America, and which was especially violent in the southern states, by being one of the
21 pivotal figures who started what became known throughout the world as the Civil Rights
22 Movement when he was elected President of the Montgomery, Alabama, Improvement
23 Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., spearheaded the Montgomery
25 Improvement Association's famous boycott of the city's bus system, a boycott that lasted
26 381 days at great personal sacrifice, hardship, and persecution to the many citizens who
27 stood behind Dr. King's dream of equality for all men and women, regardless of the color

1 of their skin or their station in life; and

2 WHEREAS, the Montgomery bus boycott resulted in judicial systems across the
3 nation beginning to strike down segregationist legislation as unconstitutional, and it also
4 vaulted the civil rights movement, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., into the forefront of
5 American politics and social debate; and

6 WHEREAS, in 1959 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., resigned as pastor of Dexter
7 Avenue Baptist Church to return to Atlanta to spearhead the civil rights work of the
8 Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

9 WHEREAS, on December 10, 1964, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., received the most
10 prestigious award bestowed by the international community when at the age of 35 he was
11 awarded the Nobel Peace Prize; and

12 WHEREAS, a cowardly assassin's bullet ended Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life on
13 April 4, 1968, while he was in Memphis, Tennessee, to help lead sanitation workers in a
14 protest against low wages and intolerable working conditions; however, the bullet that
15 robbed Dr. King of his life could never silence his message of love, faith, truth, peace,
16 and brotherhood for all the people of the earth; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., remains one of the most recognized and
18 important individuals of the 20th century;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

21 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the Russellville Bypass in
22 Logan County, United States Route 79, from mile point 10.7 to mile point 16.184, as the
23 "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Highway" and shall, within 30 days of the
24 effective date of this Resolution, erect appropriate signs denoting this designation.