

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to rename the
2 William H. Natcher Parkway upon its designation as an interstate highway.

3 WHEREAS, the William H. Natcher Parkway, opened on December 15, 1972, as
4 the Green River Parkway, is a high-quality, limited-access freeway; and

5 WHEREAS, for over 40 years, the William H. Natcher/Green River Parkway has
6 served the western Kentucky region well, providing fast, efficient, and reliable
7 transportation for the motoring public and acting as a conduit for business development
8 and economic expansion; and

9 WHEREAS, the William H. Natcher Parkway completes a vital link in an
10 unfinished chain that is Kentucky's interstate highway system, filling what would be a gap
11 that connects Interstate 65 with the area around Owensboro, the Commonwealth's fourth-
12 largest city and one of the largest cities east of the Mississippi River not directly served
13 by an interstate highway; and

14 WHEREAS, because of its unique geographic location, the William H. Natcher
15 Parkway is ideally suited to be upgraded and designated as a spur of Interstate 65; and

16 WHEREAS, such needed upgrades are being undertaken to bring the road up to
17 interstate standards, and when it is completed and designated as an interstate, it is fitting
18 that a proper designation be placed on this road;

19 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

21 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall, upon the completion of necessary
22 upgrades and final approval from the Federal Highway Administration to include the
23 William H. Natcher Parkway as part of the interstate highway system, designate the road
24 as the "William H. Natcher Expressway" and within 30 days of federal approval, erect
25 appropriate signs.