

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION designating a Magoffin County bridge in honor and
2 memory of Paul W. Rowe.

3 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe was born on August 15, 1932, to William D. and Lizzie
4 Lee Prater-Rowe of Salyersville, the sixth of their seven children; and

5 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe was raised in Salyersville, where he graduated from
6 Salyersville High School; and

7 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe was drafted into the United States Army in 1954, where
8 he served until 1956. He also served in the United States Army Reserves for eight years
9 after his honorable discharge; and

10 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe attended Eastern Kentucky University, where he earned
11 both undergraduate and graduate degrees in Education and obtained a Rank I Education
12 certificate; and

13 WHEREAS, after his education at Eastern Kentucky University, Paul W. Rowe and
14 his wife, Marjie, returned to Magoffin County, where Paul began his career teaching in a
15 one-room school house on Grape Creek for the Magoffin County School System; and

16 WHEREAS, after his first teaching assignment, Paul W. Rowe taught 7th grade at
17 Millard-Hensley Elementary and later spent a year teaching at Salyersville Grade School;
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19 WHEREAS, after obtaining his principal's certificate, Paul W. Rowe was asked to
20 be the principal of the newly built Middle Fork Elementary School in the community of
21 Hendricks. He served 22 years as principal there; and

22 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe was an active member of the Prater Memorial United
23 Methodist Church in Salyersville, which he attended for 45 years. He served in several
24 capacities in the church, including Sunday school teacher, Sunday school superintendent,
25 and chairman of the administrative board, to name a few. If there was an event or work to
26 do at the church, Paul W. Rowe was always there to participate or lend a hand; and

27 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe was a man of many talents. He was an accomplished

1 musician who played the guitar, mandolin, fiddle, and banjo. He was also known as being
2 a talented woodworker. He created beautiful muzzleloader guns, cabinetry, and furniture,
3 and provided help with updates and remodeling of the homes of family and friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe, along with his brother, painstakingly deconstructed a
5 Civil War era log cabin piece by piece and reconstructed the cabin on a farm on Grape
6 Creek. Many gatherings were and continue to be had there for their family and friends to
7 enjoy; and

8 WHEREAS, Paul W. Rowe was also a member of the Masonic Lodge of
9 Salyersville #769, the United Methodist Men, and the Magoffin County Historical
10 Society, and was a charter member of the Magoffin County Muzzleloaders; and

11 WHEREAS, on April 27, 1990, after a meeting of administrators at the Magoffin
12 County Board of Education, Paul W. Rowe traversed these earthly bounds as a result of a
13 vehicle accident. He was survived by his wife, Marjileen Keeton Rowe; his two
14 daughters, Cathy Rowe-Sparks and Deborah Rowe-Cain; six grandchildren; and five
15 great-grandchildren;

16 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

18 ➔Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
19 Route 30 in Magoffin County, just west of Mill Branch Road, as the "Paul W. Rowe
20 Memorial Bridge," and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect
21 the appropriate signage.