

1 A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to designate a Harlan
2 County bridge in honor of WW II Veteran Corporal Charles M. Jones.

3 WHEREAS, Cpl. Charles M. Jones was born on April 12, 1925, in the Harlan
4 County community of Verda; and

5 WHEREAS, when he was 18, Cpl. Charles M. Jones was drafted into the United
6 States Army on September 29, 1943, during WWII; and

7 WHEREAS, Cpl. Charles M. Jones was later assigned to the Overseas Replacement
8 Company and Ft. Meade, Maryland and later shipped to England. He was assigned to the
9 9th Infantry Division and trained for the D-Day invasion; and

10 WHEREAS, on June 7, 1944, the ship that Cpl. Charles M. Jones was on unloaded
11 its troops at Utah Beach in Normandy, France. It was there where the war began for him
12 and his unit; and

13 WHEREAS, Cpl. Charles M. Jones and his unit cleared Beachhead of fallen service
14 members and equipment. While fighting in WWII, Cpl. Charles M. Jones was wounded
15 at St. Lo, France, treated in England, and returned to duty; and

16 WHEREAS, Cpl. Charles M. Jones bravely fought in five different Campaigns.
17 Through his valor he was awarded: the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, the
18 Purple Heart, the European Theater Medal with Five Campaign Stars, the Good Conduct
19 Medal, the Distinguished Unit Citation, and a several others; and

20 WHEREAS, this bridge designation will serve as a constant reminder of the service
21 of Cpl. Charles M. Jones, and how he helped to protect the freedoms of our great nation;

22 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

24 ➡Section 1. The Transportation Cabinet shall designate the bridge on Kentucky
25 Route 1601 in Harlan County, at mile point 2.184 as the "Cpl. Charles M. Jones Bridge,"
26 and shall, within 30 days of the effective date of this Resolution, erect the appropriate
27 signage.