

Resolution would name part of Ky. 680 in honor of Stumbo family

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Staff Writer

State Sen. Scott Madon introduced a joint resolution Jan. 21 that would name a portion of a road in Floyd County in honor of the Stumbo family.

Senate Joint Resolution 48 would designate a section of new Ky. 680 as Stumbo Family Memorial Highway.

The resolution said the Stumbo family has "a long history of service and dedication to the people of Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky" that

"began as far back as the early twentieth century, when William M. 'Buck' Stumbo, Jr., served as Floyd County sheriff from 1905 to 1910."

Several other Stumbo family members went on to serve as Floyd County sheriff, including Taylor Stumbo from 1934 until 1938, Dr. W.L. "Walk" Stumbo from 1942 until his death later the same year and his wife, Annie Elliot Stumbo, who became the first female sheriff in Kentucky when she took over the office in 1942, according to the resolution.

Several other Stumbo family

members served in various positions in the court system, the resolution said, including "Walk" Stumbo, who was county judge; Henry Stumbo, who was a magistrate and county judge for over 30 years; John M. Stumbo, who was county judge-executive; Larry Foster Stumbo, who was a magistrate; and Harold Stumbo, who held elective office for more than 30 years as commonwealth's attorney, county attorney, and district and circuit court judge.

In addition, John Milton Stumbo served in the Kentucky House of Rep-

resentatives beginning in 1948, the resolution said.

"Whereas, various members of the Stumbo Family have dedicated their lives and careers to the citizens of Floyd County and Eastern Kentucky," the resolution said, "and their steadfast commitment should be memorialized in some tangible way."

Stumbo Family Memorial Highway would run from Ky. 680, beginning with its intersection with Ky. 122, mile point 5.026, to its intersection with U.S. 23, mile point 14.388, the resolution said.

Madon files resolution on stream and waterway cleanup

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Sen. Scott Madon, R-Pineville, and Sen. Phillip Wheeler, R-Pikeville, have filed Senate Joint Resolution (SJR) 62, legislation aimed at addressing ongoing concerns from local governments about the challenges of cleaning debris from streams and waterways following flood events, according to a statement.

Madon said the resolution

stems from repeated conversations with county officials, city leaders and local crews who are still dealing with debris and damage long after floodwaters have receded, according to the statement.

"This is something I hear about again and again from folks back home," Madon said. "Communities want to do the right thing — clear creeks, protect bridges and prevent future flooding — but they often run into confusion and delays when it comes to permits and state or federal

requirements."

SJR 62 directs the Energy and Environment Cabinet's Division of Water to prepare a report for the General Assembly detailing the current process for accessing flood-impacted waterways for cleanup.

The report would outline required permits, prohibited activities, debris disposal requirements and special considerations for removing hazardous materials, the statement said.

The statement said the

resolution also calls for recommendations to make the process easier and more efficient for state and local governments, including the potential creation of a one-stop permitting portal and dedicated staff to help guide communities through clean-up efforts after natural disasters.

Madon emphasized that the goal is not to weaken environmental protections, but to provide clarity and consistency so local governments can act quickly and respon-

sibly.

"When debris sits in a stream, it creates real risks, blocked waterways, damaged infrastructure and higher chances of future flooding," Madon said. "This resolution is about cutting confusion, improving communication, and making sure state processes work for the communities that are trying to recover and move forward."

SJR 62 has been filed for consideration during the 2026 Regular Session of the Kentucky General Assembly.

Several charged in Floyd District Court

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Charges were filed against several recently in Floyd District Court. The charges included:

Misdemeanor cases

Heather Barnett, 50, of Oklahoma Lane, Allen, fourth-degree as-

sault (no visible injury).

Carlos Don Hoover, 38, of Dana, theft and third-degree criminal trespassing.

Maxwell McCord, 41, of Sansom Fork, Dana, public intoxication.

Phyllis Yates, 58, of Spurlock Church Road, Martin, endangering the welfare of a minor (two counts).

Alonzo Browning, 52, of Fonzo Stanley Road, Canada, fourth-degree assault (domestic violence, minor injury).

Felony cases

Avery Lowe, 55, of Branham Village, Prestonsburg, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (hydrocodone, first of-

fense).

Tyler Lee McKinney, 25, of Big Branch of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, first-degree enhanced trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine).

Heather Slone, 26, of Big Branch of Bull Creek, Prestonsburg, first-degree enhanced

trafficking in a controlled substance (greater than or equal to 2 grams of methamphetamine).


Jeremy Evan Coleman, 29, of Reynolds Hill, Allen, first-degree arson.

Maxwell McCord, 41, of Sansom Fork, Dana, first-degree possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine, first offense),

third-degree possession of a controlled substance (unspecified) and traffic charges.

Editor's note: The above list reflects people who are charged in Floyd District Court. The charges against them are merely accusations and the defendant is presumed innocent until proven guilty.

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replacing ceiling tiles and lighting in the hallway, new fire alarm wiring and a new roof on the old part of the gym. It's a \$10 million renovation project."

Williams also said the renovation at the "dome" at Betsy Layne is underway as the ceiling is being torn out to remove the material that she says has been there since 1969.

Williams also noted that the district's maintenance department has put forth an outstanding effort throughout the recent inclement weather.

"We've had a few leaks during this period of time, and they've been out monitoring it and walking through the building,s" she said. "The colder temperatures have had pipes freezing and sometimes busting. They, along with school administration and custodial staff, have caught them early and have been on top of it. This is during times when there may not be a lot of people in the building, and their efforts have prevented a lot of flooding and damage in our buildings."

Williams said their maintenance team has also salted and scraped the districts' parking lots, but with the freezing temperatures, she said, it's only doing so good."

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