

HOUSE BILL 45

By Shepard

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 48 in Dickson County in honor of the late Brigadier General Noah Daniel.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary military officers who served this nation with courage, dedication, and ability; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Brigadier General Noah Daniel, Tennessee Army National Guard, Retired; and

WHEREAS, Noah Daniel was born July 26, 1936, to Neilly and Betty Daniel; and

WHEREAS, Noah Daniel, a native of McEwen, Tennessee, graduated from Middle Tennessee State University (then known as M.T.S.C.) in 1959; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of the R.O.T.C. and was recognized as a Distinguished Military Graduate before he was commissioned to serve two years as a 2nd Lieutenant with the 101st Airborne Division, U.S. Army at Fort Campbell, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, while serving as an infantry platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division, Lieutenant Daniel completed the U.S. Army Airborne Qualification Course; and

WHEREAS, in his role as an airborne infantry platoon leader with the 101st Airborne Division, he participated in numerous missions and operations, including a mission to the country of Lebanon that was aborted en route; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Daniel was an exceptional infantry officer who led by example, this quality being demonstrated early in his career when he broke his collar bone on an airborne jump; and

WHEREAS, after breaking his collar bone, Lieutenant Daniel completed another eighteen jumps before being properly diagnosed, and even after being properly diagnosed, he

made another jump the day before his surgery in order to remain in jump pay status; and

WHEREAS, after completing his active duty assignment, he joined the Tennessee Army National Guard as a 1st Lieutenant with the medical unit at Dickson, Tennessee, and he remained active in the National Guard for the next thirty-four years; and

WHEREAS, Noah Daniel taught and coached football and basketball at Charlotte High School while earning his Master's Degree in Administration and Supervision at Austin Peay State University, and in 1968 he replaced retiring F.D. Bennett as Principal; and

WHEREAS, in 1972, the three high schools in Dickson County were consolidated into Dickson County High School, and Noah Daniel was named Assistant Principal and Athletic Director, a position he held until 1979; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Noah Daniel became the Attendance and Adult Education Supervisor, and in 1985, he was the first Superintendent of Schools to be elected, rather than appointed, in Dickson County; and

WHEREAS, he was re-elected as Superintendent of Schools in 1988, and retired in 1990, having served in Dickson County Schools for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, following his retirement from education, Noah Daniel accepted a fulltime position with the Tennessee Army National Guard as Troop Command Commander during the first Gulf War, and he retired as Brigadier General in 1995 after thirty-six years of service; and

WHEREAS, in November of 1995 Brigadier General Noah Daniel was inducted into the M.T.S.U. Military Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1996, General Noah Daniel was recommended by the Governor and appointed by the National Director to be the Director of Selective Service System for the State of Tennessee, and later retired from this position in February 2003; and

WHEREAS, during his thirty-six years of military service, General Noah Daniel was recognized through many medals and commendations, including the prestigious Legion of Merit

Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Achievement Medal, the Meritorious Service Award from the Selective Service System, and the Tennessee Army National Guard Commendation Ribbon, among several other longevity medals; and

WHEREAS, in August of 2008, the drill hall at Dickson's National Guard Armory was dedicated in General Daniel's honor; and

WHEREAS, in January of 2000, TriStar Bank, the first new bank to be chartered in forty-five years in Dickson County, opened with General Noah Daniel as one of its directors, and he was elected to serve as Chairman of the Board for the bank in 2003; and

WHEREAS, Brigadier General Noah Daniel lost a year-long battle with lymphoma on January 25, 2009; and

WHEREAS, he was the father of four children, Gary Neil Daniel, Christy Daniel Tuck, Wade Jerome Daniel, and Maria Rose Daniel, and was married to his devoted wife of over fifty-one years, Alicia Rose Larkins Daniel; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren, Cohn Tuck, Cameron Tuck, Caleb Tuck, Rachel Daniel, Houston Daniel, Hunter Daniel, Trevor Daniel, Chelsea Daniel, and Cayce Daniel; and

WHEREAS, the Dickson County Legislative Body has petitioned this General Assembly to name a segment of State Route 48 in Brigadier General Daniel's honor to commemorate his life of purpose and commitment to his fellow Americans; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the segment of State Route 48 in Dickson County from the northern corporate limits of the City of Dickson to the southern corporate limits of the City of Charlotte is hereby designated the "Brigadier General

Noah Daniel Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to one of the most distinguished military officers, educators, and public servants this state has ever produced.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 48 described in Section 1 as the "Brigadier General Noah Daniel Memorial Highway."

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 4. This act shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this act shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Brigadier General Noah Daniel Memorial Highway" provided for in this act is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address or the governmental system for assigning addresses in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.