

HOUSE BILL 228

By Shepard

AN ACT to name the welcome center at Johnsonville State Historic Park in honor of former state representative John C. Tidwell.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should commemorate the accomplishments of those public servants who have served this State with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the House Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee, former State Representative John C. Tidwell was an ardent supporter of State parks; and

WHEREAS, a longtime resident of and public servant for New Johnsonville and Humphreys County, Representative Tidwell was actively involved in promoting Johnsonville State Historic Park and its prominent place in Civil War history; and

WHEREAS, the Johnsonville State Historic Park was a personal priority of Representative Tidwell's; while serving on the Parks Subcommittee of the House of Representatives for ten years, he guided the park from an attachment to Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park to a stand-alone park. Representative Tidwell worked tirelessly to secure funding for the headquarters and museum with additional properties and development; and

WHEREAS, John Tidwell served the citizens of Humphreys County and the 74th District of the House of Representatives of the State of Tennessee with probity for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable tenure in the General Assembly, John Tidwell demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be appropriately honored by his former colleagues on behalf of a grateful public; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The welcome center at Johnsonville State Historic Park is hereby named in honor of former state representative John C. Tidwell as a lasting tribute to one of Tennessee's most dedicated public servants.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of environment and conservation is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the welcome center at Johnsonville State Historic Park as the "John Charles Tidwell Welcome Center."

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.