

HOUSE BILL 298

By Pitts

AN ACT to name a road in the City of Clarksville, Montgomery County in honor of the late Charles "Chuck Duncheskie.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Charles "Chuck" Duncheskie, a veteran's veteran and one of Clarksville's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Duncheskie was renowned for his patriotism, dedication to his fellow veterans, and his love for Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duncheskie was instrumental in the campaign to fund a war memorial that now stands on the Public Square in Clarksville; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman also created and implemented a program that supplies a copy of the book, *What Is Veterans Day?*, to Clarksville-Montgomery County elementary students at no charge; and

WHEREAS, for more than twenty years, Mr. Duncheskie organized reunion events for the 11th Airborne Division, in which he served with distinction as a parachutist; and

WHEREAS, although he had proudly and bravely served his country in Vietnam and Iran, Mr. Duncheskie always called Clarksville and the 101st Airborne Division home; and

WHEREAS, the Clarksville City Council has petitioned this Body to name a certain road in their fair city to honor Mr. Duncheskie's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the road known as "Dover Crossing" in the City of Clarksville, Montgomery County is hereby designated the "Charles 'Chuck' Duncheskie Memorial Parkway" as a lasting tribute to a valiant soldier, a dedicated veteran, and an even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the road described in Section 1 as the "Charles 'Chuck' Duncheskie Memorial Parkway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional 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.

(1) This act shall become operative only if the City of Clarksville remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the department of transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. The City of Clarksville shall make such payment 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 City of Clarksville within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, the City of Clarksville shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Charles 'Chuck' Duncheskie Memorial Parkway" 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. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this act as the "Charles 'Chuck' Duncheskie Memorial Parkway".

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.