

HOUSE BILL 864

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AN ACT to name a bridge in the City of Grand Junction in honor of Dr. N.H. Edwards.

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 have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Dr. N.H. Edwards, one of Grand Junction's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edwards has exhibited a sincere love and concern for his community, not only through his adept and compassionate practice as a physician, but also through his meritorious service as an alderman in Grand Junction; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Edwards is renowned as a man of integrity who continually strives for the betterment of his community and country; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Mayor and Alderman of the City of Grand Junction has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain bridge in that fair city to honor Dr. Edwards' ongoing legacy and 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 provision of law to the contrary, the bridge located near the intersection of State Route 57 and State Route 18 in the City of Grand Junction is hereby designated the "Dr. N.H. Edwards Bridge" as a tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Dr. N.H. Edwards Bridge."

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