

HOUSE BILL 2117

By Curtiss

AN ACT to name a bridge or section of highway in Warren County in honor of Joe DeLong.

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of this General Assembly to name an appropriate bridge or appropriate section of highway in Warren County to honor Joe DeLong, a valiant soldier who remains missing in action in Vietnam.

SECTION 2. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the department of transportation shall identify an appropriate bridge or appropriate section of highway in Warren County to bear Joe DeLong's honorable name. The final decision in selecting the appropriate bridge or appropriate section of highway shall be made in consultation with the representative and senator representing the districts in which Joe DeLong resided.

SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the selected bridge or selected section of highway as the "Joe DeLong Bridge" or the "Joe DeLong Highway," as appropriate. The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 4. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 5. 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 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.