

SENATE BILL 1778

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AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 143 in Carter County in honor of former Senator Robert "Bob" Burleson.

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 Robert "Bob" Burleson of Roan Mountain who was a valuable member of the Tennessee Senate for eight years, serving his constituents in Carter, Greene, Johnson, and Unicoi counties with purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Bob Burleson, a gentleman who has attained excellence both as a public servant and a human being; and

WHEREAS, Bob Burleson is as a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of Carter County during his three terms as their legislator in the Tennessee House of Representatives, as well as during his tenure in the Senate; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name the segment of State Route 143 that provides access to Roan Mountain State Park to honor Senator Burleson and his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the citizens of Roan Mountain Carter County; 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 143 in Carter County from the Roan Mountain community at log mile 12.64 to Roan Mountain State Park headquarters at log mile 10.65 is hereby designated the "Sen. Robert

"Bob" Burleson Parkway" in appreciation of 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 segment of State Route 143 described in Section 1 as the "Sen. Robert "Bob" Burleson Parkway".

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. The appellation "Sen. Robert "Bob" Burleson 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 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.