

SENATE BILL 2303

By McNally

AN ACT to name a segment on Interstate 75 in Loudon County as the "Lcpl. William C. Koprince, Jr. Memorial Highway".

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the segment of Interstate 75 in Loudon County, from mile marker 81 to mile marker 83 is hereby designated as the "Lcpl. William C. Koprince, Jr. Memorial Highway" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Lance Corporal William "Billy" Koprince, Jr., United States Marine Corps, who made the ultimate sacrifice on December 27, 2006, while courageously serving his country in Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

SECTION 2. The state department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the segment described in Section 1 as the "Lcpl. William C. Koprince, Jr. Memorial Highway". Such signs shall be erected or affixed so as to be visible to both northbound and southbound motorists on Interstate 75. The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. The erection of 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 this act shall not render the state in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5. The appellation "Lcpl. William C. Koprince, Jr. Memorial Highway" 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. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segments of Interstate 75 described in Section 1.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.