

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 136
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A RESOLUTION to designate a certain segment of Briley Parkway (State Route 155) in Davidson County as the "Jack Vaughn Parkway."

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and roads to honor those outstanding citizens whose selfless efforts have redounded to the great benefit of all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Jack Vaughn truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated and proficient community servant, who often exceeds the call of duty to ensure that his community is well served; and

WHEREAS, Jack Vaughn began his illustrious career in the hospitality and attractions industry in 1959, when he started working for Westin Hotels at the Hotel Benson in Portland, Oregon; and

WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure with Westin Hotels, Mr. Vaughn astutely served as General Manager of the Continental Plaza Hotel in Chicago and the Century Plaza Hotel in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, in 1975, Jack Vaughn brought his extraordinary talent and skills to Gaylord Entertainment, as the Opryland Hotel and Convention Center's General Manager, even though construction had not begun on the first 600-room phase of the property; and

WHEREAS, Opryland Hotel has experienced tremendous growth and industry since Mr. Vaughn first stepped in as its first General Manager to oversee the construction of what is now the largest combined hotel and convention center in the world; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vaughn has cited the completion of the additions to Opryland Hotel as the greatest accomplishment in his distinguished career; and

WHEREAS, Jack Vaughn has been an industry advocate for incorporating convention space inside of hotels, and as a result of his superb leadership, he was named to the Convention Liaison Council's Hall of Leaders in 1988; and

WHEREAS, since moving to Nashville to guide Opryland Hotel, Jack has served in numerous estimable positions within Gaylord Entertainment, including Vice-President of WSM, Inc.; Senior Vice-President of Opryland, USA, Inc.; Vice-President of Gaylord Entertainment Company; President of Opryland Hospitality and Attractions Group; and Chairman of the Opryland Lodging Group; and

WHEREAS, as President of the Opryland Hospitality and Attractions Group, Jack has directed one of the major components of Gaylord Entertainment Company that includes the Opryland Hotel; the Opryland Theme Park; Opryland International Travel; the General Jackson Showboat; the Opryland River Taxis; the Music City Queen; Grand Ole Opry Tours; the Springhouse Golf Club; KOA Campgrounds; and the Wildhorse Saloon; and

WHEREAS, in his most recent challenges, Mr. Vaughn has capitalized on the reputation and experience of the Opryland Hotel by establishing other Opryland Hotel properties in markets across the United States; and

WHEREAS, Jack Vaughn has also held a multitude of prominent state and national positions throughout his highly esteemed career, including membership on the Congressional Travel & Tourism Caucus Advisory Council, and meritorious service as director of the American Hotel & Motel Association Educational Institute (AH&MA), past President and Chairman of the

Tennessee Hotel & Motel Association, past member of the Board of Directors and Vice-President of the Southern Innkeepers Association, and Honorary Trustee for Life of the American Hotel Foundation; and he was one of the first one hundred people in the nation appointed as a delegate to the 1995 White House Conference on Travel and Tourism; and

WHEREAS, despite his busy schedule, Mr. Vaughn generously gives of his time to better his community; he has nobly participated in many civic organizations, including astute service as President of the Middle Tennessee Boy Scouts of America; an executive committee member of the Nashville Rotary Club; Chairman of the Metropolitan Convention Center Commission and Nashville Chamber of Commerce; a board member of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and as a member of the Nashville Chapter of the American Cancer Society; Leadership Nashville; the Easter Seal Society of Tennessee; and the United Way of Tennessee. He has also served as a member of countless other civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, Jack Vaughn has been deservedly recognized for his efforts and skills by his profession and his community; he received the International Exhibitors Association Distinguished Service Award in 1986; the AH&MA Lawson A. Odde Award in 1989; the Resort Executive of the Year and the Hotels Magazine's "Independent Hotelier of the World" in 1990; the Educational Institute's Arthur Landstreet Award in 1994; the American Heart Association's Heart of the Community Award in 1995; and several other awards honoring him for his distinguished service to his profession and community; and

WHEREAS, his many awards and accomplishments aside, Jack Vaughn is most appreciative of the loving companionship of his wife of seventeen years, Ellie, and the loyal support of their five children: John; Debbie; Curt; Chris; and Connie; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of his many achievements, Mr. Vaughn's friends and associates are honoring him with a retirement celebration on February 25, 1999 at Opryland

Hotel; the theme of the evening is “The House that Jack Built”, a metaphor that recognizes his hard work and dedication in building Opryland Hotel into the world famous establishment it is today; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the segment of Briley Parkway (State Route 155) in Davidson County from where such route spans the Cumberland River to its intersection with Two Rivers Parkway (Exit 10) is hereby designated as the “Jack Vaughn Parkway” as a lasting tribute to this exemplary Tennessean, dedicated husband and father, and remarkable human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating such segment of Briley Parkway (State Route 155) as the “Jack Vaughn Parkway.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.