

SENATE BILL 782  
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AN ACT to name a certain scenic overlook on U.S. Highway 23 in Unicoi County in honor of the Metcalf family of Dividing Mountain.

WHEREAS, the illustrious Metcalf family has inhabited both sides of Dividing Mountain (which divides Tennessee from North Carolina) for many generations; and

WHEREAS, the Metcalf cemetery, which is located at the top of Dividing Mountain, is the final resting place of at least eight generations of the Metcalf family; and

WHEREAS, throughout their more than two-hundred-year history in America, the members of the Metcalf family have distinguished themselves as astute and dedicated public servants and patriotic citizens of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, members of the Metcalf family have courageously and selflessly served their country during every major American war; and

WHEREAS, members of the Metcalf family fought on both the Union and Confederate sides during the The War Between the States and many Metcalfs served in the U.S. Armed Forces during World War II; and

WHEREAS, although the Metcalf family is now scattered throughout this great land, it is most fitting that this General assembly should specially honor and recognize the past, present and future generations of this exemplary family, who once lived, raised their children and proudly served their country while residing on Dividing Mountain; and

WHEREAS, the new scenic overlook on U.S. Highway 23 in Unicoi County is located just above the homeplace of the late Hyrum Metcalf, who was a farmer and a gentleman who loved to attend church services and who took great pride in serving his community and his fellow citizens; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the most southerly scenic overlook on U.S. Highway 23 in Unicoi County is hereby designated as the "Metcalf Overlook" as a lasting tribute to this distinguished family and their many generations of outstanding public servants and civic leaders.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such scenic overlook as the "Metcalf Overlook".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional 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 take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.