

SENATE BILL 3042
By Kurita

AN ACT to designate U.S. Highway 70 in the Town of Pegram in Cheatham County as the "Deputy Frank Jordan Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, from time to time, this General Assembly has named certain highways and bridges in honor of those outstanding citizens who during their lifetimes distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the late Deputy Charles Frank Jordan, Jr. was most assuredly one such outstanding public servant, as he gave his life while protecting his community from those who sought to do it harm; and

WHEREAS, a native of Cheatham County and a graduate of Cheatham County High School, Charles Frank Jordan, Jr. proudly served his country as a member of the United States Air Force, spending a portion of his tour of duty as a military policeman; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from military service, Mr. Jordan worked part-time with the Cheatham County Sheriff's Department; because of the exceptional quality of his work, he eventually gained full-time employment and became a full-fledged Cheatham County Sheriff's Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Jordan truly enjoyed being a policeman and evidenced uncommon dedication to his work despite the long hours and low pay; and

WHEREAS, on the fateful night of February 4, 1982, Deputy Jordan was killed in the line of duty while investigating a burglary at a local drug store; and

WHEREAS, to this very day, the Town of Pegram still flies an American flag at half mast on February 4th to ensure that Deputy Jordan's ultimate sacrifice is not forgotten; and

WHEREAS, with the permission of the Jordan family, the local Cheatham County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge has been renamed the Frank Jordan Memorial Lodge No. 81 as a tribute to this fallen hero; and

WHEREAS, the Fraternal Order of Police Frank Jordan Memorial Lodge has sought and received the support of the Town of Pegram to have a certain segment of U.S. Highway 70 named in memory of Deputy Jordan; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs in this excellent proposal; 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 3.04 mile segment of U.S. Highway 70 within the corporate limits of the Town of Pegram in Cheatham County is hereby designated as the "Deputy Frank Jordan Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to this exemplary public servant who made the ultimate sacrifice of his life while protecting his community and fellow citizens.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable markers or to affix suitable signs designating such segment of U.S. Highway 70 in the Town of Pegram in Cheatham County as the "Deputy Frank Jordan Memorial Highway".

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