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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 779
By Maddox

A RESOLUTION to name a certain bridge in Weakley County in honor of the late George Broussard.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are proud to honor the memory of those august Tennesseans who, throughout their venerable lives, have worked for the greater good of their community; and

WHEREAS, one such person was Mr. George Broussard, a longtime public servant of the good people of Weakley County, who passed away on January 3, 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Broussard was born January 28, 1935 and grew up in Louisiana; he worked on plantations in Mississippi and British Honduras before coming to Weakley County; and

WHEREAS, he was an avid sportsman, duck hunter and gourmet connoisseur of Cajun cuisine who loved the land and the outdoors; and

WHEREAS, George served as a Weakley County Commissioner from 1978 to 1982 and again from 1986 until his death; and

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WHEREAS, he served as mayor of the town of Sharon in 1979, and during his eight years in office the town experienced tremendous growth; and

WHEREAS, his many achievements aside, George Broussard was most appreciative of the support and love of his wife, Glenda Lee, and their son, Stewart; and

WHEREAS, the Weakley County Commission has requested this body to name a certain bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Obion River on State Route 43/U.S. Highway 45E between Sharon and Greenfield to memorialize this distinguished Tennessean, whose significant contributions to Weakley County and its citizens will never be forgotten; and

WHEREAS, the members of this legislative body most heartily concur with this excellent proposal to honor the memory of this inimitable man; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Obion River between Sharon and Greenfield on State Route 43/U.S. Highway 45E in Weakley County is hereby designated the "George Broussard Memorial Bridge" as a memorial to his dedicated service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "George Broussard Memorial Bridge".

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 in addition to the requirements of the preceding resolving clause, this resolution shall become operative only if Weakley County, Tennessee,

either (1) remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution, or (2) manufactures and erects such signs pursuant to state and federal guidelines and as approved by the Department. If electing option (1), Weakley County shall make such payment prior to any expenditure by the State for manufacture or installation of such signs. The Department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to Weakley County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Weakley County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the Department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the Department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation and to the Weakley County Commission.