

HOUSE BILL 3097  
By DuBois

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 166 in Maury County in honor of the late Nathan Odom.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Nathan Odom, one of Maury County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Odom was born December 23, 1924, as one of eleven children and was raised on Dry Creek Road in Maury County; and

WHEREAS, after working in Michigan for some years, he returned home in 1963 to his 100-acre farm in Maury County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Odom was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Nathan Odom spearheaded numerous civic improvement projects and in 1968 played an instrumental role in having the dirt road in his community paved and obtaining county water service for his neighbors and himself; and

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2000, Mr. Odom tragically lost his life in a motor vehicle accident on the bridge spanning Sugar Creek just south of Arrow Lake on State Route 166; and

WHEREAS, the Maury County Legislative Body has petitioned this body to name this bridge in honor of Mr. Odom to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Sugar Creek just south of Arrow Lake on State Route 166 in Maury County is hereby designated the "Nathan Odom Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished and caring human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Nathan Odom Memorial Bridge" .

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 cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for such signs within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, an amount equal to the difference in such costs shall be remitted to the department in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.