

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 281  
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A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on State Route 346 in Hawkins County in honor of Randall G. Dykes.

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

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Randall G. Dykes of Hawkins County; and

WHEREAS, a proud employee of Tennessee's Department of Transportation, Mr. Dykes has long assured the safety of the highways and by-ways of our verdant northeast corner. Throughout his brilliant career as a Roadway Inspector, Mr. Dykes' vigilance as a vanguard for quality engendered the trust and admiration of his peers and superiors alike; and

WHEREAS, tragically, Mr. Dykes suffered a farming accident in March of this year that has severely limited his mobility and prevented his return to the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, at the time of the accident, Mr. Dykes was working on a project to widen and realign 1.6 miles of State Route 346 in Hawkins County, which project included the installation of two culverts and the construction of a new bridge; and

WHEREAS, in appreciation of Randall G. Dykes' dedication to the State and its citizens, this General Assembly wishes to pay tribute to Mr. Dykes by naming the bridge located at milemarker 8.2 on State Route 346 in Hawkins County in his honor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the bridge located at milemarker 8.2 on State Route 346 in Hawkins County is hereby named the "Randall G. Dykes Bridge" in recognition of an outstanding Tennessean who exemplifies the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge on State Route 346 as the "Randall G. Dykes Bridge".

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 the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.