

**CHAPTER NO. 607**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 2187**

**By Representatives McKee, Bone**

**Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2106**

**By Senator Miller**

AN ACT to name the U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge in McMinn County in honor of the late Arvil Armstrong.

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 Arvil Armstrong, one of McMinn County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, few people have touched as many lives as Mr. Armstrong, a gentleman who attained excellence both as a public servant and human being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for the good people of McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Armstrong spearheaded numerous civic improvement projects and played an instrumental role in the expansion of U.S. Highway 411 in McMinn County; and

WHEREAS, truly acting with the interests of his fellow citizens at heart, Mr. Armstrong generously provided the real property necessary for the construction of the U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge; and

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Board of Commissioners has petitioned this body to name such bridge in honor of Mr. Arvil Armstrong to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the betterment of his community; 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 U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge north of Etowah in McMinn County is hereby designated the "Arvil Armstrong Memorial Bridge" in memory of an outstanding public servant who exemplified the true spirit of the Volunteer State.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the U.S. Highway 411 viaduct bridge in McMinn County as the "Arvil Armstrong Memorial Bridge".

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 resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

SECTION 5.

(1) This act shall become operative only if McMinn County, Tennessee, either 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 act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). McMinn County shall make such payment 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 McMinn County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, McMinn 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.

(2) McMinn County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: April 22, 2004**

  
JIMMY RAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

**APPROVED this 5<sup>th</sup> day of May 2004**

  
PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR