

CHAPTER NO. 145

SENATE BILL NO. 1921

By Herron, Jackson, Henry, Kurita

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1705

By Shepard, Mr. Speaker Naifeh, Tidwell, Pinion, Fraley, Borchert, Phillip Johnson, Baird, Niceley, Hawk, Fowlkes, Davidson, McMillan, Fitzhugh, Rinks, Hargrove, McKee, Roach, Armstrong, Harmon, McDonald, Langster, Curtiss, Pleasant, Bowers, Ulysses Jones, Marrero, Ferguson, McCord, Hood, Montgomery, Russell Johnson, West, Bone, Larry Turner, Gresham, Sharp

AN ACT to name the conference facility at Paris Landing State Resort Park in honor of former Representative L. Don Ridgeway.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should permanently commemorate the accomplishments of those statesmen who have served this state with the greatest acumen and dedication; and

WHEREAS, former Representative L. Don Ridgeway is a well-rounded gentleman who has served astutely in the diverse worlds of business, politics, and government; and

WHEREAS, throughout his illustrious tenure in the General Assembly, Representative Ridgeway served his constituents in the 75th House District and all other citizens of Tennessee with the utmost professionalism, probity, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Don Ridgeway served the good people of Paris and Henry County for 18 years as a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives, always working with purpose and conviction to establish a brighter future for his fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Don Ridgeway served as Democratic Caucus Chairman, Chairman of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, and Chairman of the House Transportation Committee at various times during his tenure on Capitol Hill; and

WHEREAS, during his term as chairman of the House Conservation and Environment Committee, and indeed, throughout his sterling legislative career, Don Ridgeway was an eloquent and well informed advocate for Tennessee's state park system, and especially Paris Landing State Resort Park, which is located in the 75th House District; and

WHEREAS, Don Ridgeway has played and continues to play an important role in making Paris Landing State Resort Park one of the crown jewels of Tennessee's state park system, and he should be appropriately honored for his many fruitful endeavors in service of his community and its tourism economy; 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 conference facility at Paris Landing State Resort Park is hereby named in honor of Representative L. Don Ridgeway as a lasting tribute to one of the most outstanding citizens and public servants this state has ever produced.

SECTION 2. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the conference facility at Paris Landing State Resort Park as the "L. Don Ridgeway Conference Center".

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 2, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of May 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR