

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 917

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A RESOLUTION to name a segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Fentress County in honor of the late Edward (Dooley) Hood.

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

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Edward (Dooley) Hood, who rendered sixteen years (1966-1982) of exemplary service as Fentress County's first elected Road Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hood often had limited resources with which to work, but he maximized available resources to initiate road foundations and programs that improved the quality of life for his fellow Fentress Countians, enabling them to reach their homes in safety and comfort; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure as Fentress County Road Supervisor, Mr. Hood was successful in establishing a county asphalt plant, which was one of only five such facilities in Tennessee to gain state approval; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hood also worked diligently to bring to fruition a rock quarry project that was built, owned, and maintained by the Fentress County Highway Department; and

WHEREAS, no one ever put more of his life into Fentress County's roads than Mr. Hood, as he demonstrated his love for his job on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from his duties as Road Supervisor, Mr. Hood remained a productive and civic-minded citizen of Fentress County until his passing on December 17, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Fentress County Commission has petitioned this Body to name a certain segment of U.S. Highway 127 to honor Mr. Hood's memory and to permanently commemorate his life of purpose and commitment; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the new four-lane segment of U.S. Highway 127 in Fentress County between Jamestown and Grimsley is hereby designated the "Edward (Dooley) Hood Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished public servant who devoted his career to improving Fentress County's roads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 127 described in the first resolving clause as the "Edward (Dooley) Hood Memorial Highway".

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 this resolution 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 resolution. 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Edward (Dooley) Hood Memorial Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this resolution as the "Edward (Dooley) Hood Memorial Highway".

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