

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1246

By McDonald

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge in Sumner County in honor of the late Corporal Jerry W. Hammock, United States Army.

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 courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no soldier is more deserving of this honor than the late Jerry W. Hammock of Sumner County; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Jerry W. Hammock proudly and courageously served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War before being killed in the line of duty in Vietnam on May 17, 1968; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Corporal Hammock did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and stalwartly defending the cause of freedom against the insidious threat of communism; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Jerry W. Hammock served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Army, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Corporal Hammock's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, the Sumner County Board of County Commissioners has petitioned this Body to name a certain bridge to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of the late Corporal Jerry W. Hammock; 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 bridge spanning the middle fork of Drakes Creek on Luby Brown Road in Sumner County is hereby designated the "Corporal Jerry W. Hammock Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Corporal Jerry W. Hammock, United States Army.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "Corporal Jerry W. Hammock Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

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.