

SENATE BILL 2755

By Jackson

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 242 in Lawrence County in honor of the late Emma Elisabeth "Emmie" Robertson.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary citizens who have passed from this life to a far better existence; and

WHEREAS, born October 22, 1987, Emma Elisabeth "Emmie" Robertson was a native of Lawrence County and a lifelong resident of the West Point community of Lawrence County; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2005, she tragically lost her life in an automobile accident on State Route 242 (West Point Road) between mile markers 13 and 14; and

WHEREAS, the Lawrence County Legislative Body and Emmie Robertson's family have petitioned this General Assembly to name this segment of State Route 242 to honor this special lady's memory and to permanently commemorate her bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; and

WHEREAS, this body 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 one-mile segment of State Route 242 (West Point Road) in Lawrence County between mile marker 13 and mile marker 14 is hereby designated the "Emmie Robertson Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an outstanding human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 242 described in Section 1 as the "Emmie Robertson Memorial Highway".

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

SECTION 5. This act 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 act. 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.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Emmie Robertson Memorial Highway" provided for in this act 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 act.

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.