

SENATE BILL 3119

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AN ACT to name a Department of Transportation building in Chattanooga in honor of Robert B. "Bob" Brown.

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

WHEREAS, Robert B. "Bob" Brown will be taking a much deserved retirement in October 2010, after serving the Tennessee Department of Transportation (TDOT) with distinction for fifty-six years; and

WHEREAS, after beginning his long and illustrious career with TDOT as a day laborer, Mr. Brown worked hard, paid his dues, and ascended through the ranks, serving in numerous positions; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable gentleman presently serves with acumen and integrity as the regional director for Hamilton County and twenty-three other counties; and

WHEREAS, during his productive tenure as regional manager, Mr. Brown has provided inspired leadership and sound management, always maintaining his trademark firm hand, unflappable manner, and level-headed approach to all issues; and

WHEREAS, his fifty-six year tenure ranks him third in longevity among TDOT employees, and Mr. Brown has worked under fourteen commissioners and nine governors during that time; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown has witnessed many improvements in technology and manpower during his exemplary career at TDOT, and he is most proud of the important role he played in building the interstate highway system and his work on the Missionary Ridge project; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career with TDOT, Bob Brown has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, and he should be appropriately honored by this General Assembly, on behalf of a grateful public; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, at such time as the new department of transportation administration building in Chattanooga is constructed and ready for occupancy, such building shall be named in honor of Robert B. "Bob" Brown as a lasting tribute to one of Tennessee's longest serving and most dedicated public servants.

SECTION 2. The commissioner of transportation is directed to erect or affix suitable signs designating the new department of transportation administration building in Chattanooga as the "Bob Brown Administration Building," when such building is constructed and ready for occupancy.

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