

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1055

By Halford

AN ACT to name Highway 104 in Gibson County in honor
of the late Lt. Col. Retired Everette B. Crumpler III.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Lt. Col. Retired Everette B. Crumpler III; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Crumpler was a former commander of the Milan Arsenal from 1992 to 1994; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Crumpler served admirably for twenty-two years in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Colonel's Crumpler outstanding service included many awards and decorations, including such recognitions as the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Commendation Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, the National Service Defense Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster, the Armed Forces Reserve Medal, the Army Services Ribbon, and the Overseas Service Ribbon with two Oak Leaf Clusters; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Crumpler was an active participant in the community as a member of the Lunch Buddy Mentoring Program at Milan Elementary School and as president of the Rotary Club. He founded and served as chairman for Milan's Bullet Town Celebration and volunteering for the United Way, and Veterans for Foreign War and Wounded Soldiers; and

WHEREAS, He loved to spend time with his family, including his wife Linda of forty years of blissful marriage, children Everette IV and Lauren Crumpler Biggs and her husband Shawn, and one grandson, Ryan; and

WHEREAS, A enthusiastically devoted family man, Colonel Crumpler was known for his love of automobiles, his dogs, especially Kramer, a loyal companion, the St. Louis Cardinals and his passionate support of the Jackson Generals baseball team; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a portion of a highway in his home county be named to honor Lt. Col. Retired Everette B. Crumpler III's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; 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 segment of Highway 104 that runs past Milan City Park toward the Milan Army Ammunition Plant is hereby designated the "Ltc. Everette B. Crumpler III Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to a remarkable man who accomplished much and who leaves behind an enduring legacy.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of Highway 104 described in Section 1 as the "Ltc. Everette B. Crumpler III 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 "Ltc. Everette B. Crumpler III 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.