

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 297

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to designate the National Guard Armory in Cookeville as the "COL William H. Mahler National Guard Armory."

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the armed forces, and many continue the legacy of service today, defending the inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, Colonel William H. Mahler, a World War II veteran, who was most assuredly an outstanding citizen and soldier, exemplified this time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, he spent five years in the U.S. Navy during World War II and, upon his return, joined the Tennessee Army National Guard in Cookeville; and

WHEREAS, Colonel William H. Mahler served with distinction during his exemplary thirty-two years with the Tennessee Army National Guard, including his meritorious service as commander of the 3rd Battalion, 117th Infantry Regiment, which was recognized by the Secretary of Defense as one of the ten best battalions; and

WHEREAS, men of his stature do not often walk among us, and it is most appropriate that we should provide a lasting tribute to his life of purpose and commitment to the greater good of this nation and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that the National Guard Armory in Cookeville be hereby designated as the

“COL William H. Mahler National Guard Armory” as a tribute to this distinguished Tennessean and his many outstanding achievements.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of the military be directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the National Guard Armory in Cookeville as the “COL William H. Mahler National Guard Armory.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the General Assembly recognizes that the cost of the manufacture and installation of the signs or markers shall be borne by non-state funds, and that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of the signs or markers is paid to the department of military from non-state funds within one (1) year of the date of the adoption of this resolution. Such payment shall be made prior to any expenditure by the State for the manufacture or installation of the signs or markers. The department shall return any unused portion of the estimated cost to the person or entity paying for the signs or markers within thirty (30) days of the erection of the signs or markers. 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 certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General of the Tennessee National Guard.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution also be transmitted to the appropriate persons in Cookeville, with the final two clauses omitted from such copies.