

HOUSE BILL 1652

By Hall

AN ACT relative to the State Veterans Home in Bradley  
County.

WHEREAS, John Simmons was born in Bradley County and graduated from Bradley Central High School in 1964; and

WHEREAS, following two years at Tennessee Wesleyan College, John Simmons joined the United States Navy and became a corpsman; and

WHEREAS, John Simmons served in Vietnam and was a 100% service-connected veteran; and

WHEREAS, John Simmons was active in various Vietnam veterans organizations, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion; and

WHEREAS, countless local veterans benefitted from the assistance of John Simmons to navigate the bureaucratic hurdles in receiving their earned benefits; and

WHEREAS, John Simmons served on the State Veterans Home Board and envisioned a veterans home in his hometown; and

WHEREAS, John Simmons worked tirelessly to secure the donation of the land for the site of the Bradley County Tennessee State Veterans Home and obtained an anonymous \$3 million donation for the Home; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the State of Tennessee recognize the contributions to this State and this country made by John Simmons; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. The entry driveway to the Bradley County Tennessee State Veterans Home is hereby named the John Simmons Parkway.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring  
it.