

HOUSE BILL 119

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AN ACT to name the visitor center at the Tipton-Haynes Historic Site in Johnson City in honor of Penny McLaughlin.

WHEREAS, the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site tells the rich story of the history of Northeast Tennessee and of the several families who once lived at the site; and

WHEREAS, the site includes forty-five acres, eleven historic buildings, the Tipton/Gifford/Simerly cemetery, a limestone cave, a natural spring, a buffalo trace, a nature trail, and a visitor center, which contains a permanent exhibit, a museum store, educational spaces, a library, and archives; and

WHEREAS, the Tipton-Haynes State Historic Site is funded through an agreement with the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, the Tennessee Historical Commission, and the nonprofit Tipton-Haynes Historical Association, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, the Tipton-Haynes Historical Association, Incorporated, has petitioned the Tennessee Historical Commission for permission to name the visitor center in honor of Penny McLaughlin, the former director whose work was instrumental in the establishment and current success of the visitor facility; 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 visitor center of the Tipton-Haynes Historic Site located at 2620 South Roan Street in Johnson City is hereby designated the "Penny McLaughlin Education and Museum Center" in recognition of Ms. McLaughlin's twenty-five years of distinguished service to the facility.

SECTION 2. The Tennessee Historical Commission is directed to cause the erection of suitable signs designating such facility the "Penny McLaughlin Education and Museum Center."

SECTION 3. The general assembly recognizes that the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs shall be borne by the Tennessee Historical Commission, and this act shall become operative only if the Tipton-Haynes Historical Association agrees to pay the Tennessee Historical Commission the total cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs. Such payment by the Tipton-Haynes Historical Association shall be made prior to any expenditure by the state for the manufacture or installation of such signs.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.