

HOUSE BILL 205

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AN ACT to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 431 (State Route 106) in Maury County in honor of the late Casey Grant Heithcock.

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

WHEREAS, Casey Grant Heithcock was born September 15, 1988, in Williamson County, Tennessee, but grew up in Marshall County, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heithcock was the youngest of four children born to Terry Grant Heithcock and Mary Irene Heithcock; he was the grandson of Samuel and Betty Heithcock and Ida Mae Britt and the late Virgil W. Britt, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, as a young child, Casey Grant Heithcock showed his athletic skills as the Most Valuable Player of the Bethesda Recreation baseball league every year from age five (5) until age twelve (12) and by competing in the Punt, Pass and Kick competition sponsored by the NFL, in which he placed twelfth (12<sup>th</sup>) in the nation at age ten (10); and

WHEREAS, he also excelled at playing pool, won many local tournaments and even defeated a pro pool circuit player; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heithcock was interested in serving his country as a Navy Seal; he was just shy of qualifying for the Navy Seal Program, and was still attempting to qualify for the program at the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, during his short life, Mr. Heithcock impacted many lives with his love, kindness, support, and hard work, and he was loved as a friend and a son; and

WHEREAS, on November 2, 2007, Mr. Heithcock lost his life in a motor vehicle accident on State Bridge No. 60-SR106-2.94; the Maury County Legislative Body has petitioned this General Assembly to name such bridge in his honor; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, State Bridge No. 60-SR106-2.94 on U.S. Highway 431 (State Route 106) in Maury County is hereby designated the "Casey Grant Heithcock Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an outstanding young man and patriot.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Casey Grant Heithcock Memorial Bridge".

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