

HOUSE BILL 372

By Ford

AN ACT to name a bridge on the Bobby Hicks Highway
(State Route 75) in Washington County in honor of
the late James Lesley Isenberg.

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 courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who made the ultimate sacrifice in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no soldier is more deserving of this honor than the late James Lesley Isenberg of Washington County; and

WHEREAS, as a member of America's Greatest Generation, Mr. Isenberg proudly and courageously served his country in the European Theater during World War II; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation's sons and daughters, Mr. Isenberg did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and stalwartly defending the cause of freedom against the tyranny of the Nazi regime; and

WHEREAS, James Lesley Isenberg was killed in the line of duty in Belgium on January 18, 1945; and;

WHEREAS, James Lesley Isenberg served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Armed Forces, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Isenberg's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the

continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history;
and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly deems it most appropriate to name a certain bridge in his native Washington County to permanently commemorate the singular patriotism, courage, and commitment to duty of the late James Lesley Isenberg; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Cedar Creek on the "Bobby Hicks Highway" (State Route 75 from its intersection with Interstate 181 [now Interstate 26] to its intersection with State Route 36 pursuant to House Joint Resolution No. 52 of the One Hundred First General Assembly) in Washington County is hereby designated as the "James Lesley Isenberg Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of James Lesley Isenberg.

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 "James Lesley Isenberg Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 3. 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 4. The erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.