

HOUSE BILL 2097

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AN ACT to designate state-owned parkland along Interstate 440 in Davidson County as the "Senator Douglas Henry Urban Conservation District".

WHEREAS, on May 15, 1998, by passage of Senate Joint Resolution 571, all portions of the state's owned land along I-440 Parkway between Belmont Boulevard and Interstate 65 in Davidson County were declared cultural units of the Division of State Parks of the Department of Environment and Conservation; and

WHEREAS, it was Senator Douglas Henry's sponsorship of Senate Joint Resolution 571, and his commitment to expressing concerns of the citizenry in the immediate area, that led to the designation by the Department of Environment and Conservation of the southwestern and southeastern quadrants of the state's owned land along I-440 Parkway as "Battle of Nashville Monument Park" and "The Charles A. Howell, III, Descendants Park", respectively; and

WHEREAS, Senate Joint Resolution 571 declared the balance of the state's owned land along I-440 Parkway to be opened to the public for use as parkland; and

WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Senator Douglas Henry has ably served in the Tennessee State Senate since 1971 and served in the House of Representatives during the 79th General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, a past Chairman of the State Capitol Commission, and a member of the Tennessee Historical Society, Douglas Henry Museum Commission, and Board of the Tennessee State Museum Foundation, Senator Douglas Henry has demonstrated his commitment to preserving historical landmarks in Tennessee and to conserving locations of cultural significance in Tennessee and in the Nashville community; and

WHEREAS, this body wishes to designate the parkland along I-440 Parkway in honor of Senator Douglas Henry, a highly respected elected official and man of the utmost integrity, who has dedicated his career to the betterment of the lives of Nashvillians and Tennesseans alike, and whose unparalleled knowledge of the law and lawmaking process has contributed to the personal and professional growth of countless citizens and members and staff of this body; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the department of transportation is hereby directed to erect and maintain suitable markers designating the balance of the state's owned land along I-440 Parkway between Belmont Boulevard and Interstate 65, which is used as parkland, as the "Senator Douglas Henry Urban Conservation District".

SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the property described in Section 1 shall not be developed for an interchange on and after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 3. The department of transportation is directed to erect and maintain suitable markers described in Section 1 at the intersection of Gale Lane and Lealand Lane in Davidson County.

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

SECTION 5. 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 6. 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 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.