

HOUSE BILL 2116

By Alexander

AN ACT to name a bridge in Franklin County in honor of
the late D. Alex Stephens.

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 gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late D. Alex Stephens, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country while serving in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, D. Alex Stephens selflessly gave his life for his country, and it is thus most appropriate that a certain bridge in his home county of Franklin should be named to honor his memory; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of this General Assembly to name an appropriate bridge or bridges in Franklin County to honor the memory of D. Alex Stephens, a valiant soldier who gave his life in the line of duty while serving in Afghanistan.

SECTION 2. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the department of transportation shall identify an appropriate bridge or bridges in Franklin County to bear D. Alex Stephens's honorable name. The final decision in selecting the appropriate bridge or bridges shall be made in consultation with the representative and senator representing the districts in which D. Alex Stephens resided.

SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the selected bridge or bridges as the "D. Alex Stephens Memorial Bridge."

The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

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