

HOUSE BILL 2465

By Bass

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 11 in Marshall County in honor of the late Matt Hayes.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those individuals who lost their lives while working to promote the public welfare; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Matt Hayes, who died while working on a public road project; and

WHEREAS, Charles Matthew Hayes was born on October 5, 1982, to Tommy and Helen Hayes and was a resident of Marshall County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was a 2001 Marshall County High School graduate and was a 2005 graduate of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and

WHEREAS, he was employed by Wilson and Associates as a surveyor; and

WHEREAS, while he was working on a project on Highway 25 in Hamblen County, Matt Hayes' life came to a tragic end; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes succumbed to an untimely death at the young age of twenty-eight on July 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes touched the lives of many people and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Marshall County Commissioners has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain bridge to honor Matt Hayes' bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; 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 bridge spanning Rock Creek on State Route 11 (U.S. Highway 31-A/Cornersville Road) in Marshall County is hereby designated the "Matt Hayes Memorial Bridge" as a tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being.

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 "Matt Hayes 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.