

HOUSE BILL 2755

By Bass

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 373 (Mooresville Highway) in Marshall County in honor of the late Brenard Richardson.

WHEREAS, there is a certain bridge on State Route 373 (Mooresville Highway) located just within the southwestern confines of Marshall County, near the Maury County boundary; and

WHEREAS, the Mary Elizabeth Coffee family resided on farmland near this bridge in the 1820s, when such land was still located in North Carolina prior to the formation of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Mary Elizabeth Coffee wed Brenard Richardson and together they established a homestead on the family farmland, carrying down their rich family history on this irreplaceable piece of Tennessee history; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Marshall County Commissioners has petitioned this General Assembly to name this bridge on State Route 373 to permanently commemorate the historical and cultural significance of this farmland and surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, this body concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Bridge No. 59-373-0-06 that spans Bear Creek on State Route 373 (Mooresville Highway) in Marshall County is hereby designated the "Brenard Richardson Memorial Bridge" to memorialize the historical legacy of the Richardson/Coffee family.

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 "Brenard Richardson 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 by Marshall County 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 Marshall County 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 by Marshall County within thirty (30) days of the county 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.