

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1109

By Dennis

A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 57 in McNairy County in honor of the late Dale Fisher.

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 exemplary public servants who, during their lifetime, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Dale Fisher, one of the finest athletes and educators that McNairy County has ever produced; and

WHEREAS, a native of McNairy County, Dale Fisher was an outstanding basketball player at Michie High School, Northeast Mississippi Junior College, and Mississippi State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher positively influenced young lives as a physical education teacher for forty years, teaching at Prince Frederick, Maryland, for ten years before returning home and teaching in McNairy County schools for almost thirty years; and

WHEREAS, he also drove a school bus for the McNairy County school system for several years; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary career, Mr. Fisher was concerned and cared for McNairy County's students and encouraged them at every opportunity; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a segment of State Route 57 should bear Mr. Fisher's honorable name, in accordance with the request of the McNairy County Legislative Body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that the segment of State Route 57 in McNairy County from such route's intersection with State Route 22 westward to its intersection with State Route 224 is hereby designated the "Dale Fisher Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to a singular athlete, educator, and public servant and even more accomplished human being.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 57 described in the first resolving clause as the "Dale Fisher Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution 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 resolution. 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Dale Fisher Memorial Highway" provided for in this resolution is for honorary purposes only and nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any address, or the governmental system for assigning addresses, in any county, municipality, or other governmental entity affected by this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution be transmitted to the commissioner of transportation.