

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1183

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to name a bridge on Interstate 26 in Washington County in honor of the late Jessica JoAnna Johnson.

WHEREAS, Jessica "Jessi" JoAnna Johnson of Johnson City passed away on October 13, 2007, as the result of injuries received in an automobile accident; and

WHEREAS, only seventeen years of age, Jessi Johnson was the beloved daughter of Shayne D. Johnson of Johnson City and J. David Johnson of Chuckey; and

WHEREAS, treasured by both her parents as "a wonderful daughter who had a free spirit," Jessi was a senior at Science Hill High School and an active member of First Christian Church; and

WHEREAS a caring, compassionate, and loyal young lady, Ms. Johnson possessed a big heart and was very sensitive to others; and

WHEREAS, her faith and her family were most important to her, and she and her sisters, Regan G. Dube and Jordan Reece Johnson, were the closest of friends; and

WHEREAS, in a great tragedy, Ms. Johnson lost her life in an accident near a certain bridge on Interstate 26 in Washington County; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name such bridge to honor the memory of Jessica "Jessi" JoAnna Johnson, a special person who aspired to someday serve others as an English teacher; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the bridge at mile marker 14 on Interstate 26 in Washington County is

hereby designated the "Jessica JoAnna Johnson Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this young lady whose beautiful spirit still shines brightly upon us even though she has departed this world for a far better existence.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in the first resolving clause as the "Jessica JoAnna Johnson Memorial Bridge".

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 an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.