

SENATE BILL 26

By Stewart

AN ACT to designate a segment of U.S. Highway 70S in Warren County as the "Jerry Cooper Highway".

WHEREAS, Jerry Cooper, a native of Warren County, Tennessee, represented the 14<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District of the State of Tennessee from 1985 through 2007; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Cooper dedicated himself to public service, continually working to promote the well being and prosperity of the citizens of the 14<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the General Assembly of the State of Tennessee, Jerry Cooper was highly respected and esteemed by his peers; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the State Senate, Jerry Cooper actively sought to obtain funding and support for state and federal projects within Warren County and the entire seven-county 14<sup>th</sup> Senatorial district; and

WHEREAS, Jerry Cooper recognized the importance of the U.S. Highway 70S road project; as a result of his commitment to the project and the cooperation of local, state and federal agencies, the new four-lane segment of U.S. Highway 70S from McMinnville to Spring Valley Road has been completed; and

WHEREAS, because of this and numerous other successful projects which were promoted and supported by Jerry Cooper throughout his tenure in the State Senate, the Legislative Body of Warren County has petitioned this Body to appropriately recognize the distinguished accomplishments of Jerry Cooper by naming this new four-lane segment of U.S. Highway 70S in his honor; 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 newly completed four-lane segment U.S. Highway 70S in Warren County that extends from McMinnville to Spring Valley Road is designated the "Jerry Cooper Highway".

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating such segment of U.S. Highway 70S as the "Jerry Cooper Highway".

SECTION 3. The erection of such directional 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. The appellation "Jerry Cooper Highway" provided for in this act 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 act.

SECTION 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this act as the "Jerry Cooper Highway".

SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.