

SENATE BILL 1001

By McNally

AN ACT to designate a segment of State Route 62 in Knox County as the "Veterans Memorial Mile".

WHEREAS, from the fields and forests of war-torn Europe to the jungles of Southeast Asia, from the deserts of Iraq to the mountains of Afghanistan, brave patriots have protected our nation's ideals, rescued millions from tyranny, and helped spread freedom around the globe; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that, along with the hundreds of thousands of military members who gave their lives for the United States of America, at least 100,000 American armed forces personnel continue to be listed as either Prisoner of War (POW) or Missing in Action (MIA); and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Commission has petitioned this General Assembly to name a certain segment of State Route 62 to honor our veterans, those military members killed in action, and our POWs and MIAs for their many sacrifices in defense of our nation; 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 segment of State Route 62 in Knox County from the Solway Bridge eastward to such route's intersection with State Route 131 in Karns is hereby designated the "Veterans Memorial Mile".

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 62 described in Section 1 as the "Veterans Memorial Mile".

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. The appellation "Veterans Memorial Mile" 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 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.