

SENATE BILL 2195

By Burks

AN ACT to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 127 in
Cumberland County in honor of the late Frederick
A. Hassler.

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 courageous members of the United States Armed Forces who gave their lives in defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Frederick A. Hassler, United States Army, who made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on December 30, 1969, while serving in Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Fredrick A. Hassler served his country honorably by joining the U.S. Army 199th Light Infantry Brigade and started his tour of duty in Vietnam on July 14th, 1969; and

WHEREAS, Fredrick A. Hassler was the recipient of the following medals: Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal with three Bronze Stars and one Oak Leaf, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, U.S. Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Military Merit Medal; and

WHEREAS, Fredrick A. Hassler was killed on December 30, 1969, during a cease fire in Long Khanh, South Vietnam; and

WHEREAS, Frederick A. Hassler served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Army, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society; the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, Frederick A. Hassler's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers, country and county, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have

ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, Frederick A. Hassler selflessly gave his life for his country, and it is thus most appropriate that a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 127 in his home county should be named to honor his memory, in accordance with the request of the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners; 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 bridge spanning Basses Creek on U. S. Highway 127 in Cumberland County is hereby designated the "Frederick A. Hassler Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in combat of Frederick A. Hassler, United States Army, one of Tennessee's most heroic citizens.

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 "Frederick A. Hassler Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

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 take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.