SENATE BILL 2714

By Gresham

AN ACT to name a segment of State Route 76 in the city of Somerville and Fayette County in honor of Captain Arthur Williamson of the Somerville Police Department.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who have contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than Captain Arthur Williamson, who has devoted his career to protecting and serving the good people of Somerville as an exemplary leader and officer of high moral standards with their police force; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly desires to name a certain segment of State Route 76 to honor Captain Williamson's meritorious service to law enforcement; 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 76 (South Main Street) from such route's intersection with US Highway 64 in the city of Somerville to its intersection with State Route 195 at the three-way intersection in Fayette County is hereby designated the "Captain Arthur Williamson Parkway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent law enforcement officer and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 76 described in Section 1 as the "Captain Arthur Williamson Parkway".

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 "Captain Arthur Williamson Parkway" 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.