

CHAPTER NO. 76

SENATE BILL NO. 2016

By McNally, Kilby, Henry

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1930

By Hackworth

AN ACT to name a certain bridge or a certain segment of State Route 62 in honor of the late Dr. Herman Postma.

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 contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Dr. Herman Postma, who served with distinction as the laboratory director at the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for many years; and

WHEREAS, both as ORNL's laboratory director and as a private citizen, Dr. Postma worked with purpose and conviction on various regional projects to make the technologies and assets of Oak Ridge available to the rest of East Tennessee and indeed the entire Volunteer State; and

WHEREAS, realizing that citizenship entails many responsibilities as well as privileges, Dr. Postma eagerly embraced the challenges of civic duty; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional and gentleman served on various civic boards and provided inspired leadership to education initiatives until his untimely death in the fall of 2004; and

WHEREAS, throughout all his endeavors, Dr. Postma was a person of impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity, and he worked assiduously to establish a brighter future for his fellow citizens of Anderson and Knox counties; and

WHEREAS, several local government officials have petitioned this body to name the Solway Bridge in honor of Dr. Postma to permanently commemorate both his bountiful life of purpose and commitment and his long and distinguished record of community service; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; 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 Solway Bridge spanning the Clinch River between Anderson and Knox counties on State Route 62 is hereby designated the "Dr. Herman Postma Memorial Solway Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an accomplished scientist and even finer human being.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the Solway Bridge described in Section 1 as the "Dr. Herman Postma Memorial Solway Bridge".

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. (1) This act shall become operative only if Knox County, Tennessee, either remits the estimated cost of the erection of such signs to the Department of Transportation within one (1) year of the effective date of this act or manufactures such signs in accordance with the provisions of subdivision (2). Knox County shall make such payment 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 Knox County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Knox County shall remit an amount equal to the difference in such costs to the department within thirty (30) days of receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

(2) Knox County may manufacture and erect such signs provided that such signs are manufactured and erected pursuant to state and federal guidelines and approved by the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 11, 2005


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 18th day of April 2005


PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR