

CHAPTER NO. 816

SENATE BILL NO. 2915

By Mr. Speaker Wilder, Kyle, Herron, Dixon, Williams

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2342

By Walley, Mr. Speaker Naifeh

AN ACT To name a bridge in Hardeman County in honor of former State Representative Robert S. "Rob" Stallings.

WHEREAS, From time to time, this General Assembly has named certain highways and bridges in honor of those outstanding citizens who have distinguished themselves as invaluable assets to their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, Former State Representative Robert S. "Rob" Stallings is most assuredly one such exemplary public servant; and

WHEREAS, For eight terms and sixteen remarkable years, Rob Stallings ably represented the good people of House District 80, which included his home town of Bolivar in Hardeman County; and

WHEREAS, As a member of the Tennessee House of Representatives during the 89th through 96th General Assemblies, Rob Stallings truly personified the compassionate and capable public servant, always carefully weighing both sides of any given issue, listening carefully to his constituents' concerns and then voting his conscience for the greater good of the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Rob Stallings demonstrated the depth and breadth of his exceptional leadership abilities during his meritorious tenure on Capitol Hill: He served astutely as Vice Chairman of the House Conservation and Environment Committee during the 91st and 92nd General Assemblies; as Vice Chairman of the House Education Committee during the 93rd General Assembly; and as Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee during the 94th through 96th General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, As Chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, Rob Stallings worked with courage and conviction to preserve Tennessee's family farms and to promote and expand Tennessee's agricultural markets and commodities worldwide; and

WHEREAS, He distinguished himself as a devoted friend and supporter of our farmers, while he played an instrumental role in shaping both the present and future of Tennessee agriculture, this state's first and foremost business; and

WHEREAS, His sterling legislative service was appropriately recognized in 1990 when he was named "Legislator of the Year" by the Tennessee Association of Human Resource Agencies; and

WHEREAS, Rob Stallings has served the citizens of Bolivar and Hardeman County with the utmost diligence, acumen and professionalism, and he should be appropriately honored for his indelible legacy of effective public service; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning Pleasant Run Creek on the four-lane segment of U.S. Highway 64 in the City of Bolivar in Hardeman County is hereby designated as the "Robert S. 'Rob' Stallings Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this remarkable public servant and human being.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Robert S. 'Rob' Stallings Bridge".

SECTION 3. The erection of such signs or markers shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 4. The Department of Transportation shall not erect the signs provided for by this act until the local government having jurisdiction over the location of the signs pays to the department a fee equal to the amount necessary to defray the expense of the signs, as determined by the department.

SECTION 5. If the signs provided for hereunder are to be located on a road other than a road designated as an interstate highway, the local government having jurisdiction over the location of the signs may, in lieu of paying the fee required by Section 4, supply to the Department of Transportation the signs provided for in this act. Any signs supplied by local government must be manufactured in accordance with standards established by the Department of Transportation, including, but not limited to, the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

SECTION 6. 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 7. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 17, 2000

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000

  
DON S. QUIGLEY, GOVERNOR