

CHAPTER NO. 575

SENATE BILL NO. 2009

By Carter, Herron

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2060

By Maddox, White

AN ACT To name a bridge in Carroll County in honor of the late Dennis Brooks, Jr.

WHEREAS, From time to time, this General Assembly has seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those Good Samaritans who made the ultimate sacrifice in service of humanity; and

WHEREAS, The late Dennis Brooks, Jr. was renowned among his family and friends as a compassionate and giving person; and

WHEREAS, A great tragedy occurred in July 1993, when Dennis Brooks, Jr. lost his life at the tender age of 19; and

WHEREAS, Always eager to lend a helping hand to those in need, Dennis Brooks, Jr. stopped to render assistance to whom he thought was a stranded motorist in a disabled vehicle; instead, he was abducted and subsequently murdered; and

WHEREAS, It was characteristic of Dennis' generous nature that his last minutes on Earth were spent in an effort to help a fellow human being; and

WHEREAS, The Legislative Body of Carroll County has petitioned this Body to name a bridge spanning the Big Sandy River on State Route 114 as a lasting tribute to Dennis Brooks, Jr., one of the finest citizens Carroll County has ever produced; and

WHEREAS, This General Assembly most heartily concurs in 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 bridge (Bridge #09S8145007) spanning the Big Sandy River on State Route 114 in Carroll County is hereby designated as the "Dennis Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to this exceptional human being.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating such bridge as the "Dennis Brooks, Jr. Memorial Bridge".

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. (1) This act shall become operative only if Carroll 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). Carroll 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 Carroll County within thirty (30) days of the erection of such signs. If the actual cost exceeds the estimated cost, Carroll 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) Carroll 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 July 1, 2002, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 3, 2002


JOHN S. WILDER
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE


JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 9th day of April 2002


DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR