PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1116

SENATE BILL NO. 2573

By Burks

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2560

By Swafford, Harmon

AN ACT to designate U.S. Highway 127 in Bledsoe and Cumberland counties as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

WHEREAS, since the birth of our great nation, hundreds of thousands of brave American men and women have served their country in the United States Armed Forces, and many continue this legacy of service today, defending the most inviolate principles of human freedom and democracy; and

WHEREAS, their meritorious service continues the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the intrepid and valiant members of the United States Armed Forces have continued to inspire our confidence, loyalty, and support; and

WHEREAS, from Valley Forge to Iraq, Afghanistan, and the war-torn nations of Africa, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East, our armed forces have unselfishly paid the price of freedom for their friends and families and for all of us; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we should honor those courageous men and women who have made many sacrifices to preserve the blessed freedoms we enjoy today and that our progeny will hopefully continue to cherish for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain segment of U.S. Highway 127 in memory of those brave sons and daughters of Bledsoe and Cumberland counties who sacrificed personal concerns and their safety, with many of them giving their lives, so that we might enjoy the many bounties of democracy and the American way of life; 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 U.S. Highway 127 lying within the boundaries of Bledsoe and Cumberland counties, from the Bledsoe County-Sequatchie County boundary to the Cumberland County-Fentress County boundary, is hereby designated the "Veterans Memorial Highway" in honor of the many brave sons and daughters of Bledsoe and Cumberland counties who have served this great country in the United States Armed Forces.

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 127 described in Section 1 as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

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. The appellation "Veterans Memorial Highway" 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 6. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highway described in this act as the "Veterans Memorial Highway".

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

PASSED: May 20, 2008

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of June 2008

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR