

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 199

By Representatives DuBois, Hensley

and

Senators Henry, Ketron

A RESOLUTION to name a segment of State Route 243 in Maury County in honor of the late Dr. John O. Williams.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of 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. John Orlando Williams, who distinguished himself as one of Maury County's finest physicians and citizens during his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, Dr. John Orlando Williams was a native of Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee, graduating from Columbia Military Academy and Vanderbilt University and then earning his medical degree at the University of Tennessee. He also did post-graduate work at St Thomas Hospital; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams honorably served ten years in the United States Marine Corps as a Captain and received the Silver Star for bravery under fire in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams practiced medicine in Mt. Pleasant for thirty years and later in Columbia for ten years. He was a consummate physician who was recognized statewide for his professional service without regard to age, race, creed, or political persuasion; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams raised five sons and was a beloved grandfather and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams was the Company Physician for Stauffer Chemical Company for thirty years and Chief Physician for Columbia Military Academy for several years. He served as State Medical Director of the Volunteer Health Plan HMO, was the first Medical Director of the Worker's Compensation Division of the Tennessee Department of Labor, and organized and participated in a case management pilot program for Medicaid for three years; and

WHEREAS, he was the first Medical Director of the Columbia and Lewisburg Ambulatory Care Centers. Dr. Williams was also the first Medical Director of Columbia's Northside Medical Center and was associated with Core Physicians in 1999 and 2000; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams was very active in civic affairs, being a former Mayor of Mt. Pleasant and founder and First President of the Mt. Pleasant Country Club and the Mt. Pleasant Little League; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Williams served as Chief of Staff at Maury Regional Hospital, President of the Maury County Medical Society and the Tennessee Academy of Family Physicians, and was Chairman of the Academy's Legislative Committee for ten years; and

WHEREAS in 1981, he was selected by *Good Housekeeping* magazine as one of the ten most outstanding physicians in the United States and was named the Tennessee Family Physician of the year in 1982. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Mt. Pleasant and taught Sunday School there for many years; and

WHEREAS, although he has passed on to his great reward, Dr. Williams nevertheless showed us how to live a life that mattered and how to make a difference in our respective communities; and

WHEREAS, the Maury County Legislative Body has petitioned this body to name a certain segment of State Route 243 that passes through both Columbia and Mt. Pleasant to honor his illustrious memory and to permanently commemorate Dr. Williams' life of purpose and commitment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly most heartily concurs with this excellent proposal; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that the following segment of State Route 243 in Maury County is hereby designated the "Dr. John O. Williams Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to an excellent physician and public servant and even more accomplished human being: beginning at State Route 243's intersection with James M. Campbell Boulevard (State Route 50) in the City of Columbia southwestward through the City of Mt. Pleasant and past the Arlington Cemetery to such route's intersection with U.S. Highway 43.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of State Route 243 described in Section 1 as the "Dr. John O. Williams Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the erection of such signs shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the federal highway administrator advises the commissioner of transportation in writing that the provisions of this resolution shall not render Tennessee in violation of federal laws and regulations and subject to penalties prescribed therein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appellation "Dr. John O. Williams Memorial Highway" provided for in this resolution 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 resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that nothing contained in this resolution shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of, or bridges on, State Route 243 described in Section 1 of this resolution as the "Dr. John O. Williams Memorial Highway".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation by Maury County within one (1) year of the effective date of this resolution. 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 Maury County 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 by Maury County within thirty (30) days of Maury County receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Transportation.

ADOPTED: April 24, 2008



JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED: April 29, 2008



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR