



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 606

HOUSE BILL NO. 3010

By Representative Cobb

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 2851

By Senator Yager

AN ACT to name a segment of U.S. Highway 27 in Rhea County in honor of the late Hiram Green.

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

WHEREAS, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Hiram Green, who dedicated the greater part of his time and energies to improving the lives of those around him; for most of his life, Mr. Green was an important contributor to the well-being and prosperity of his hometown of Dayton; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Green graduated from Rhea Central High School in 1941; he was well-known as an athlete during his years there, competing on the basketball, football, and track teams; and

WHEREAS, after serving with distinction in the Civil Service during World War II, Hiram Green channeled his considerable talents into a business of his own; he founded Green Construction and began building houses; and

WHEREAS, his many business successes aside, Mr. Green made some of his most significant contributions to his community by coaching and sponsoring youth athletic organizations; and

WHEREAS, in his nine consecutive years of coaching Dixie Youth baseball, Mr. Green led his teams to nine district championships and two state titles; and

WHEREAS, from 1972 to 1978, Hiram Green sponsored Green Construction girls' softball team, which won state titles and ranked fifth in the world at one point; and

WHEREAS, he amassed a collection of over 140 trophies in his years of playing on, coaching, and sponsoring various athletic teams, but rather than keep them all for himself, he would often present a trophy to a sick child in the hospital in order to bring cheer to an otherwise frightening ordeal; and

WHEREAS, a member of the Mountain View Methodist Church, Hiram Green sponsored and led the congregation's Young People Fellowship for six years; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Hiram Green had a ball field dedicated in his honor in 1982 and a city street, Hiram Green Lane, named after him; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Hiram Green Appreciation Day was celebrated in Dayton, and he was presented with the Key to the City; and

WHEREAS, as a businessman, a family man, a church leader, and a tireless supporter of the youth of his community, Hiram Green stood as an example of the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that a segment of highway in his home county should bear the honorable name of Hiram Green; 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 27 in Rhea County from such highway's intersection with State Route 303 (Dayton Avenue) in the Town of Graysville northward to its intersection with Hickman Lane is hereby designated the "Hiram Green Memorial Highway" as a lasting tribute to a singular public servant and even more accomplished human being.

SECTION 2. The department of transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the segment of U.S. Highway 27 described in Section 1 as the "Hiram Green 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. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the department of transportation from non-state funds within one (1) year of the effective date of this act. 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 the person or entity paying for such signs 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 in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the sponsoring person or entity receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. The appellation "Hiram Green 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 7. Nothing contained in this act shall be construed as requiring the alteration of any previously named segment or segments of any highways described in Section 1 of this act as the "Hiram Green Memorial Highway".

SECTION 8. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: MARCH 12, 2012


BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES


RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 23rd day of March 2012


BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR