



State of Tennessee

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 483

By Representatives Marsh, Naifeh, Alexander

A RESOLUTION recognizing the dedication of the William R. Carter Memorial Bridge.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor those exemplary public servants who, during their lifetimes, contributed significantly to the growth and prosperity of their respective communities; and

WHEREAS, this body recently designated the bridge spanning Cane Creek on U.S. Highway 64 in Lincoln County as the William R. Carter Memorial Bridge as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant and even more accomplished human being; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter exhibited a sincere love for his community, not only through his distinguished record of public service, but also through his participation in numerous civic activities; and

WHEREAS, William R. Carter was born on July 8, 1921, the son of Alexander Franklin and Mary Lou Hayes Carter, in the Coldwater Community, where his parents were superintendents of the County Poor Farm; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter attended the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, earning a degree in civil engineering, and briefly taught at the University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter served his country honorably in the military, and set an example as a person, Christian, and family man that all would do well to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter entered the U. S. Navy during World War II, became an officer, and served aboard the *U.S.S. Harding*, a destroyer that supported the D-Day invasion and another landing in southern France before sailing to the Pacific Theatre to participate in the Battle of Okinawa in 1945; and

WHEREAS, upon returning home from the war, Mr. Carter married his high school sweetheart, Jane Strong; and

WHEREAS, he then co-founded two construction firms, Carter-Williams Construction Co. and Farrar-Carter Construction Co., which merged into CFW Construction Co., Inc. in 1952; and

WHEREAS, CFW Construction Co., Inc. would become one of the largest construction companies in the United States, in addition to having construction workers abroad, from the 1960s until the early 1980s; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter served in leadership roles with the Tennessee Road Builders Association, University of Tennessee Space Institute, Motlow State Community College, Boy Scouts of America, Ranger Battalions Association, Fayetteville-Lincoln County Industrial Development Board, Fayetteville-Lincoln County Chamber of Commerce, Fayetteville-Lincoln County Museum Association, Elks Club, Fayetteville Rotary Club, Falcon Club, Fayetteville Art League, Union National Bank board of directors, and Hillsboro-Cedar Knob Foxhounds; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter was very involved in the activities of the Fayetteville United Methodist Church, where he served in many capacities, including as teacher of the Men's Bible Class for many years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter served with distinction on the Lincoln County Commission from 1970 to 1982; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Carter shared his life story in his book entitled *Unto the Hills*; and

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WHEREAS, William R. Carter will always be remembered as a man of integrity who continually strived for the betterment of his community, county, and country; and

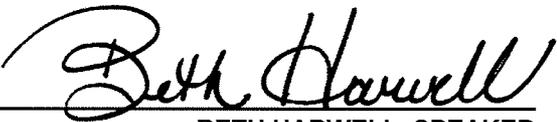
WHEREAS, to permanently commemorate Mr. Carter's memory and his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good this General Assembly has designated the bridge spanning Cane Creek on U.S. Highway 64 in Lincoln County as the William R. Carter Memorial Bridge; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we commemorate the memory of William R. Carter and memorialize the dedication of the William R. Carter Memorial Bridge, a fitting tribute to a commensurate Tennessean, a valiant patriot, and a sterling individual of the highest order.

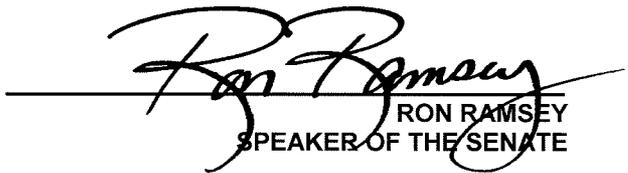
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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ADOPTED: MAY 19, 2011



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 26th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR