STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 200

SENATE BILL NO. 268

By Tracy, Ketron, Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 336

By Carr, Coleman

AN ACT to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in Rutherford County in honor of the late Thomas Hutchinson.

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, no Tennessean is more deserving of this honor than the late Thomas Hutchinson; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hutchinson was a longtime farmer who owned land along U.S. Highway 231 in Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, throughout his productive life, Thomas Hutchinson strove to promote and improve Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, Thomas Hutchinson was instrumental in the organization and success of the Consolidated Utility District, which brought water service to the rural areas of Rutherford County; and

WHEREAS, the Rutherford County Board of Commissioners has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 231 in their county to honor Mr. Hutchinson's memory and to permanently commemorate his bountiful life of purpose and commitment to the greater good; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Middle Fork of the Stones River on U.S. Highway 231 (South Church Street) in the City of Murfreesboro, Rutherford County, is hereby designated the "Thomas Hutchinson Bridge".

SECTION 2. The Department of Transportation is directed to erect suitable signs or to affix suitable markers designating the bridge described in Section 1 as the "Thomas Hutchinson 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. This act shall become operative only if the cost of the manufacture and installation of such signs is paid to the Department of Transportation by Rutherford County 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 Rutherford 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 Rutherford County within thirty (30) days of the county receiving an itemized invoice of the actual cost from the department.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: April 30, 2009

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 13th day of May 2009

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR