STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 202

SENATE BILL NO. 536

By Ketron, Ford

Substituted for: House Bill No. 602

By Tidwell, Ty Cobb

AN ACT to name a bridge on United States Highway 412 in Maury County in honor of the late Jack and Florence Cecil.

WHEREAS, John W. (Jack) Cecil III was born November 5, 1923, in Cross Bridges, Maury County, Tennessee, to John W. Cecil II and Lula Lovell Cecil. He was the first child and the third generation to live and work on the Cecil Family Farm. Mr. Cecil attended Cross Bridges School, Hampshire School and graduated from Central High School. In 1944 he entered the Army and served his country during World War II in France and Luxembourg; and

WHEREAS, Florence Edith Duke was born on June 21, 1928, in Williamson County to Lesten and Ethel Mai Sawyer Duke. At the age of six, Mrs. Cecil came to live with her Aunt Mary Kinzer and Uncle Goff Kinzer in the Sawdust Community of Maury County where she attended the Woodrow School and Central High School; and

WHEREAS, the Cecils married on July 12, 1946, and on February 15, 1948, they opened a grocery business 100 yards west of the present location of the Cecil Store on the Hampshire Pike. At the time the Cecils opened their store there was a covered bridge over Bigby Creek; and

WHEREAS, Jack and Florence Cecil lived across the highway from their store and raised three children, Bobby, Kenny, and Susan; and

WHEREAS, Florence Cecil was stricken by polio in 1951, but, despite being bound to a wheelchair, Mrs. Cecil returned to run the store in 1968 so that her husband could work on the family farm; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, the old store was destroyed by fire and the current store was opened at its present location; and

WHEREAS, in November 1983, Governor Lamar Alexander and the Governor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped presented Florence Cecil with a Distinguished Service Award for her dedication in running Cecil Store despite being bound to a wheelchair; and

WHEREAS, during the Cecils' 55 years of service to their community in their store at the corner of South Cross Bridges Road and United States Highway 412, all

three of their children and all seven of their grandchildren worked at Cecil Store or the Cecil Family Farm; and

WHEREAS, Florence Cecil died August 10, 2001, and Jack Cecil died September 27, 2006; and

WHEREAS, there is a bridge on United States Highway 412 crossing Big Bigby Creek being Bridge No. 60-99-8.03, in Maury County; and

WHEREAS, it would be most fitting and proper to name the bridge over Big Bigby Creek on Highway 412 in honor of Jack and Florence Cecil; and

WHEREAS, the Maury County Legislative Body has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge on United States Highway 412 in their county to permanently commemorate the late Jack and Florence Cecil; and

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

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the bridge over Big Bigby Creek on United States Highway 412, being Bridge No. 60-99-8.03, in Maury County is hereby designated as the "Jack and Florence Cecil Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the lives of two fine Tennesseans.

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 "Jack and Florence Cecil Memorial 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 Maury 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 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 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