

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**  
**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 214**  
**SENATE BILL NO. 405**

**By Henry**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 100

By Moore, Harmon, Mike Turner

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Highway 100 in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County in honor of the late Jessie William Gammons.

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 Jessie William Gammons, a noble son of the soil and one of the Bellevue community's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, Jessie William Gammons served his country valiantly during World War II as a forward observer; and

WHEREAS, while serving a tour of duty in Africa and Italy, Mr. Gammons was ambushed by enemy fire and sustained gunshot wounds to his leg and arm, for which heroic action he was honored with the Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, well loved by his friends and neighbors in the Bellevue community for his willingness to help those in need, Jessie William Gammons passed away suddenly on July 20, 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gammons farmed on property along the South Harpeth River, and he loved to fish on this segment of the river; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Nashville Council has petitioned this Body to name the bridge spanning the South Harpeth River on State Highway 100 to honor Mr. Gammons' memory and agrarian legacy 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 South Harpeth River on State Highway 100 in Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County is hereby designated the "Corporal Jessie William Gammons Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent public servant, a courageous soldier, a dedicated farmer, and an even more accomplished human being.

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 "Corporal Jessie William Gammons 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 the county legislative body of Davidson 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 the county legislative body of Davidson 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 in non-state funds within thirty (30) days of the county legislative body of Davidson 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: May 4, 2009**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 18th day of May 2009**



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR