STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 345

HOUSE BILL NO. 1480

By Representative Jim Cobb

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 1949

By Senator Yager

AN ACT to name a bridge on U.S. Highway 27 in Rhea County in honor of the late Jimmy "Pap" Galloway.

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 Jimmy "Pap" Galloway, one of Spring City's and Rhea County's finest citizens; and

WHEREAS, born April 28, 1928, the son of Boyd and Ruth Smith Galloway, James Milton Galloway was truly raised in the business community of Spring City. His maternal grandparents owned and operated the local boarding house, which was a two-story frame building located along what is now U.S. Highway 27 and East Rhea Avenue. His parents owned an adjacent property next to the boarding house and built a two-story brick hotel which they operated from the early 1920's through the 1970's; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was an industrious young man who was raised to have a work ethic that was to follow him throughout his life. He helped as a child with the many family chores of a family running a hotel and a large farm on Grandview Mountain. Besides his family responsibilities, he also took on other jobs as a boy to make extra money. He had the delivery of two major newspapers during the latter part of World War II with over 500 customers; and

WHEREAS, besides his many activities in family and personal business, his hard work helped build him into a strong and gifted athlete. He was an All-State caliber athlete in football, basketball, track, and boxing. He won his weight class in the Southern Golden Gloves Boxing Championship in Chattanooga while attending Spring City High School. He also found time during this period to become an Eagle Scout. He truly was an All-American boy who loved his county and showed his patriotism by the way he lived. He was always proud of being a Scout and the activities that they worked on during World War II with different projects and drives to round up much needed material for the war effort. He would later have his two sons as cadets at The U.S. Military Academy at West Point; and

WHEREAS, he married Patricia Massey in 1948, and the two of them worked and operated several business ventures in the Spring City area. They delivered freight

for Southern Railways, ran a carwash and car servicing business, and owned and operated two service stations. During much of this time he also worked for TVA for 33 years in various fields, from laborer to heavy equipment operator. He always had at least two jobs. He liked it that way and never complained that it was too much; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway was a good father and helped raise his two sons, Jim and Tim, and made time to help in their activities of football, basketball, baseball, school, church, and whatever other activities they were associated with. He was a tireless worker when it came to helping keep the ball fields mowed, driving a car load of players to another town for an athletic event, or whatever was needed to help in the development of his sons as young men; and

WHEREAS, Pap and Pat Galloway were active, lifelong members of Spring City United Methodist Church, and they often spent their Saturdays painting, mowing, and making repairs at the church; and

WHEREAS, in 1979, Pap's son Jim returned from his time in the Army to Spring City and opened Galloway's Ace Hardware. Jimmy never turned down a request for help at the store and gave his all to insure that the business would grow and prosper. He would spend the last 29 years of his life working in the store doing what he loved most: helping people and helping his son. During this time one of the many employees he mentored and befriended tagged him with the nickname of "Pap". During the last few years, many of the customers came in more often than not to talk to "Pap" and to inquire about his welfare; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy "Pap" Galloway passed away on November 14, 2008, after a battle with pancreatic cancer. He is greatly missed by his community and his family whom he so dearly loved. He truly believed in God, County, Family and University of Tennessee Sports; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly wishes to name a certain bridge on U.S. Highway 27 in Rhea County to honor Mr. Galloway'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 provision of law to the contrary, the bridge spanning the Piney River on U.S. Highway 27 within the corporate limits of Spring City in Rhea County is hereby designated the "Jimmy 'Pap' Galloway Memorial Bridge" as a lasting tribute to an excellent 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 bridge described in Section 1 as the "Jimmy 'Pap' Galloway 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 Rhea 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 Rhea 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 Rhea 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: May 20, 2009

KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 3rd day of June 2009

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR