

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1048**

**HOUSE BILL NO. 1338**

**By Representatives McDonald, Harmon, Dean, Fraley, Lynn, Maggart,  
Armstrong, Fitzhugh**

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 401

By Senators Black, Tracy, Ketron, Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, relative to transportation.

WHEREAS, Chapter 35 of the Public Acts of 2005 designated State Route 840 in its entirety, from its intersection with Interstate Highway 40 West in Dickson County to its intersection with Interstate Highway 40 East in Wilson County, including segments of such highway still under construction, as the "Tennessee National Guard Parkway" as a lasting tribute to the brave men and women who helped establish the time-honored tradition of Tennessee volunteerism, as well as those who continue this proud tradition today, as members of the Tennessee National Guard; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the spirit of such act, the General Assembly finds it imperative to limit future designations on State Route 840 to honor the memory of those courageous members of the Tennessee National Guard who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives while engaged in active duty; and

WHEREAS, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Billie Jean Grinder, of Gallatin, gave her life in service to her country on February 21, 2010, in Qayyarah, Iraq, as pilot of an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter as a result of a hard landing. Also killed was her co-pilot, Captain Marcus R. Alford, and

WHEREAS, CW2 Grinder was the first female casualty of the Tennessee Army National Guard, as confirmed by the Department of Defense,

WHEREAS, Captain Marcus Ray Alford gave his life in service to his country on February 21, 2010, in Qayyarah, Iraq, as co-pilot of an OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter as a result of a hard landing. Also killed was his co-pilot, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Billie Jean Grinder, and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Michael Wayne Tinsley, Sr., gave his life in service to his country on February 10, 2010, at Camp Shelby, in Hattiesburg, MS, awaiting deployment to Iraq along with his son, Michael W. Tinsley, Jr., now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of this General Assembly to name an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route 840 (Tennessee National Guard Parkway) to honor the memory of Chief Warrant Officer 2 Billie Jean Grinder, Troop C 1/230th Air Calvary, Tennessee Army

National Guard, a valiant soldier who gave her life in the line of duty while serving in Iraq.

SECTION 2. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the department of transportation shall identify an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route 840 to bear Chief Warrant Officer 2 Billie Jean Grinder's honorable name. The final decision in selecting the appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges shall be made in consultation with the representative and senator representing the district in which CW2 Grinder resided.

SECTION 3. The department of transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the selected interchange, bridge or bridges as the "CW2 Billie Jean Grinder Memorial Bridge (or Interchange)". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 4. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of this General Assembly to name an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route 840 (Tennessee National Guard Parkway) to honor the memory of Sergeant David Clay Prescott, Jr, 2/278th Armored Cavalry Regiment, Tennessee Army National Guard, a valiant soldier from Murfreesboro who lost his life while serving his country.

SECTION 5. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the department of transportation shall identify an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route 840 to bear Sergeant David Clay Prescott, Jr.'s honorable name. The final decision in selecting the appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges shall be made in consultation with the representative and senator representing the district in which Sergeant Prescott resided.

SECTION 6. The department of transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the selected interchange, bridge or bridges as the "Sergeant David Clay Prescott, Jr, Bridge (or Interchange)" The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 7. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 5, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

§ 54-5-144.

Any segment or structure named on State Route 840, the "Tennessee National Guard Parkway" as designated by Chapter 35 of the Public Acts of 2005, shall be dedicated as a memorial to a fallen Tennessee National Guardsman.

SECTION 8. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of this General Assembly to name an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route 840 (Tennessee National Guard Parkway) to honor the memory of Captain Marcus Ray Alford, Tennessee Army National Guard, a valiant soldier who gave his life in the line of duty while serving in Iraq.

SECTION 9. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the department of transportation shall identify an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route

840 to bear Captain Marcus Ray Alford's honorable name. The final decision in selecting the appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges shall be made in consultation with the representative and senator representing the district in which Captain Alford resided.

SECTION 10. The department of transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the selected interchange, bridge or bridges as the "Captain Marcus Ray Alford Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 11. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, it is the intent of this General Assembly to name an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route 840 (Tennessee National Guard Parkway) to honor the memory of Staff Sergeant Michael Wayne Tinsley, Sr., Tennessee Army National Guard, a valiant soldier who gave his life in the line of duty while awaiting deployment to Iraq.

SECTION 12. To effectuate the purposes of this act, the department of transportation shall identify an appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges on State Route 840 to bear Staff Sergeant Tinsley's honorable name. The final decision in selecting the appropriate interchange, bridge or bridges shall be made in consultation with the representative and senator representing the district in which SSG Tinsley resided.

SECTION 13. The department of transportation shall erect suitable signs or affix suitable markers designating the selected interchange, bridge or bridges as the " Staff Sergeant Michael Wayne Tinsley, Sr., Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

SECTION 14. The erection of signs pursuant to this act shall be within the guidelines prescribed by the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices*.

SECTION 15. Sections 11-13 of 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 16. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: June 4, 2010**



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of June 2010



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR