PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 1063

HOUSE BILL NO. 2990

By Representative Bass

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3010

By Senators Jackson, Herron

AN ACT to name a bridge on State Route 11 in Giles County in honor of the late Private First Class John H. McCree, United States Army.

WHEREAS, from time to time, the members of this General Assembly have seen fit to name certain highways and bridges to honor the memory of those courageous members of the armed forces who gave their lives in the defense of our nation; and

WHEREAS, no person is more deserving of this honor than the late Private First Class (PFC) John H. McCree, United States Army, who was killed in action on December 3, 1943, while serving his country in World War II; and

WHEREAS, PFC McCree followed the patriotic tradition for which Giles County and the Volunteer State are renowned by serving with distinction in the 168th Infantry Regiment, 34th Infantry Division, European Theater, United States Army; and

WHEREAS, a native of the Good Springs community in Giles County, PFC McCree was awarded the Silver Star and the Purple Heart for his heroism in combat; and

WHEREAS, PFC McCree served with great courage and gallantry, giving his life for his country and for the cause in which he believed, and for that ultimate sacrifice, he deserves proper recognition; as a member of the United States Army, he proudly continued an essential tradition of American society: the concept of the citizen-soldier; and

WHEREAS, like thousands of others of this nation’s sons and daughters, PFC McCree did not shrink from serving in combat, believing in the justice of the cause to protect our national security and liberty and to halt the world domination sought by the Nazis; and

WHEREAS, PFC McCree's dedication to excellence in the military and his love of his family, his fellow soldiers and his country, exemplified in his sacrifice of life itself in defense of all that he held dear, stand as enduring examples of all the characteristics that have ensured the continued freedom of our nation and the preservation of its ideals over the course of our history; and

WHEREAS, the Giles County Commission has petitioned this body to name a certain bridge in the Good Springs community to honor the memory of Private First Class John H. McCree, a member of America's greatest generation; and

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

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

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, Bridge No. 28-SR011-007, which spans the west fork of Shoal Creek on State Route 11 at mile marker 6.89 in Giles County, is hereby designated the "PFC John H. McCree Memorial Bridge" in recognition of the life of valor and death in the line of duty of Private First Class John H. McCree, United States Army, one of Tennessee's most heroic citizens.

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 "PFC John H. McCree Memorial Bridge". The cost of such signage shall be funded in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, § 54-1-133.

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 take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: June 3, 2010

KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 21st day of June 2010

PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR