

RESOLUTION NO. 20260127-11

Resolution Recommending That the Tennessee Department of Transportation Designate a Bridge in Lawrence County in Honor of Johnny R. Thompson

Whereas, the family of the late Johnny R. Thompson has asked this Body to seek the honorary naming of a local bridge in his memory; and

Whereas, Johnny R. Thompson was a lifelong resident of Lawrence County, residing in the Deerfield and Flatwoods communities, and was known for his integrity, strong work ethic, devotion to family, and commitment to his community; and

Whereas, Mr. Thompson worked for many years at Murray-Ohio and later in real estate, raised and trained hunting dogs, assisted others in the community, and maintained deep ties to the land and people of Lawrence County; and

Whereas, the bridge that is the subject of this request is located on County Highway 367 (Buffalo Road) at the intersection of Flatwoods Road and South Park Grove Road, adjacent to property owned and developed by Mr. Thompson and holding special personal and historical significance to his family; and

Whereas, the Highway Committee considered the family's request and recommends that the bridge located at the intersection of Flatwoods Road and South Park Grove Road be named in honor of Johnny R. Thompson, recognizing that any such designation must be made by the State of Tennessee; and

Whereas, the Lawrence County Commission desires to formally convey its support for this request and to respectfully recommend that the Tennessee Department of Transportation take the necessary steps to effectuate an honorary designation of the bridge in memory of Johnny R. Thompson;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 17th day of February 2026 (as postponed from 27th day of January 2026), that this Body recommends and requests that the Tennessee Department of Transportation ("TDOT") designate the bridge located on County Highway 367 (Buffalo Road) at the intersection of Flatwoods Road and South Park Grove Road as the "Johnny R. Thompson Memorial Bridge," or such similar honorary name as TDOT deems appropriate. The County Executive is authorized to transmit this resolution, together with supporting documentation, to the TDOT and to take any further ministerial actions necessary to advance this recommendation.

This Resolution shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 17th day of February 2026.

Shane Eaton, Chair
Lawrence County Legislative Body

David A. Morgan, County Executive

ATTEST:

Russ Brewer, County Clerk

SPONSOR: Highway Committee