

RESOLUTION NO. 1997-28

RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO NAME A BRIDGE FOR FORMER COMMISSIONER LEWIS GARNER

WHEREAS, Lewis C. Garner was born September 2, 1912 and passed away July 2, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Garner was elected Tax Assessor by the people of Weakley County and served for eight (8) years from 1964 to 1972; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Garner served Weakley County as a County Commissioner and Magistrate for 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Garner was a dedicated family man, being married to Mary Coleman Garner since December 22, 1935 for over 57 years. Lewis Garner had great love and took great pride in his children; Phyllis Collins, Wanda Powell, Brenda Williams, Donna Bates and Van Garner and his thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Garner was a devoted church leader, having attended the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church near Dresden where he served as song director for 29 years; and

WHEREAS, Lewis Garner made his greatest contribution to his fellowman through Gospel singing. He either led the singing or sang in a group for hundreds of funeral services. He sang bass for the Happy Five Quartet for 30 years, and the quartet sang over the McKenzie Radio Station for most of these 30 years on a Sunday morning program. The group also sang at benefits, homecomings, and special events all over the country. He was awarded the West Tennessee Quartet Convention Award posthumously in November of 1995. He served as President of the Weakley County Singing Convention in 1981, 1982, 1983 & 1990 and Vice-president of the Tennessee Gospel Singing Convention in 1991; and

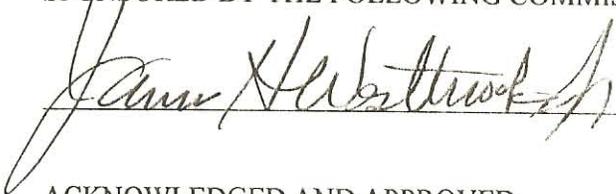
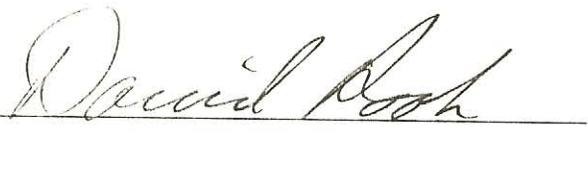
WHEREAS, Lewis Garner served on the Weakley County Nursing Home Committee for many years and felt that this was his greatest service as a county official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Weakley County Board of Commissioners, assembled in regular session on this 25th day of November, 1996, hereby requests the Tennessee General Assembly to enact legislation to name the bridge on State Route 54 over the Middle Fork of the Obion River near Lewis Garner's home the "Lewis Garner Bridge".

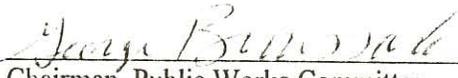
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to State Senator Roy Herron, State Representative Mark Maddox and members of Mr. Garner's family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution take effect from and after its passage, the public welfare requiring it. This resolution shall be spread upon the minutes of the Board of County Commissioners.

PURSUANT TO THE RULES OF THE WEAKLEY COUNTY LEGISLATIVE BODY, THIS RESOLUTION IS SPONSORED BY THE FOLLOWING COMMISSIONERS:

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ACKNOWLEDGED AND APPROVED:

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Chairman, Public Works Committee

Motion made by Commissioner Rook that the foregoing resolution be approved.

Seconded by Commissioner Simmons. Upon being put to a roll call vote, motion

carried by a vote of:

AYES 20 NAYS no PASS no ABSENT none

ATTEST:

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PAT SCARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK

APPROVED:

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RON GIFFORD, COUNTY EXECUTIVE

This 25th day of November, 1996