

CHAPTER 78**(HJR 59)**

A JOINT RESOLUTION directing the Transportation Cabinet to name KY 11 from US 421 to the town of Oneida in Clay County the "James Anderson Burns Highway".

WHEREAS, James Anderson Burns, a native of West Virginia, came to Kentucky in the late 1800's; and

WHEREAS, James Anderson Burns, known across the nation as "Burns of the Mountains", was such a famous Chautauqua speaker that he was considered one of the finest speakers of his day; and

WHEREAS, James Anderson Burns' life was one of adventure, excitement, and violent contrast; and

WHEREAS, James Anderson Burns came to reject the feuds that were all too prevalent in the mountains at that time, feeling that God had called him to be an instrument through which the feuds were to be ended; and

WHEREAS, James Anderson Burns was determined to substitute the opportunities of education for the violence of feuding; and

WHEREAS, James Anderson Burns opened Oneida Baptist Institute in 1900 to help expand educational opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Oneida Baptist Institute has grown beyond Mr. Burns' wildest expectations and dreams with the simple mission of teaching God's love; and

WHEREAS, through the last 100 years, the students who have passed through the halls of Oneida Baptist Institute have not only been taught God's love, but more importantly, have been shown His love; and

WHEREAS, Oneida Baptist Institute was opened to help the needy children of the mountains, but has since reached the four corners of the earth to help the young people of the world; and

WHEREAS, students of Oneida Baptist Institute have gone on to outstanding, productive careers in all fields and include former Governor Bert T. Combs; and

WHEREAS, through the last 100 years, and for the future, the commitment of Oneida Baptist Institute remains the same: to provide all who enter an "Education for Time and Eternity";

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

Section 1. That the Transportation Cabinet is directed to name KY 11 from US 421 to the town of Oneida in Clay County the "James Anderson Burns Highway".

Section 2. That the Transportation Cabinet shall immediately begin preparing the appropriate highway signs naming the "James Anderson Burns Highway" to facilitate their erection upon the effective date of this Resolution.

Section 3. That the Clerk of the House of Representatives is directed to transmit copies of this Resolution to Dr. Wesley Underwood, President of Oneida Baptist Institute, to the Secretary of the Transportation Cabinet, and to the District Highway Engineer in Manchester, Kentucky.

Approved March 6, 2000