

By: Senator(s) Gordon

To: Highways and
Transportation

SENATE BILL NO. 2478

1 AN ACT TO DESIGNATE THE BRIDGE WHICH SPANS THE
2 TENNESSEE-TOMBIGBEE WATERWAY AT AMORY, MISSISSIPPI, AS THE "THOMAS
3 G. ABERNETHY BRIDGE"; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

4 WHEREAS, Congressman Thomas G. Abernethy served North
5 Mississippi for fifteen consecutive terms in the House of
6 Representatives in the Congress of the United States of America;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Thomas G. Abernethy was born in Eupora, Mississippi,
9 on May 16, 1903, and received his high school diploma there, later
10 attending the University of Alabama, receiving his L.L.B. from
11 Cumberland University in 1924, and then doing further work one
12 year at the University of Mississippi; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1925 he established his law practice in Eupora
14 where he was elected Mayor; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1929 he moved to Okolona continuing his practice
16 of law and in 1935 was elected District Attorney; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1942 he was elected to represent his
18 congressional district in Mississippi in the United States House
19 of Representatives, a post to which he lent dignity and stature
20 during the years in which he served; and

21 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Mississippi wishes
22 to express its appreciation for his public service by establishing
23 a lasting memorial in his honor; NOW, THEREFORE,

24 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI:

25 SECTION 1. (1) The bridge which spans the
26 Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway at Amory, Mississippi, is designated

27 and henceforth shall be known as the "Thomas G. Abernethy Bridge."

28 (2) The Mississippi Department of Transportation shall
29 install appropriate signs at each end of the bridge.

30 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from
31 and after July 1, 1999.