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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

SECTION 1. (1) The bridge which spans the 
Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway at Amory, Mississippi, is designated
and henceforth shall be known as the "Thomas G. Abernethy Bridge."

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

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after July 1, 2000.