

State of Arkansas  
94th General Assembly  
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# A Bill

SENATE BILL 535

By: Senator Crowell  
By: Representative Gonzales

## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO CREATE THE "GLEN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL  
HIGHWAY"; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

### Subtitle

TO CREATE THE "GLEN CAMPBELL MEMORIAL  
HIGHWAY".

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 67, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-67-230. Glen Campbell Memorial Highway – Legislative findings.

(a) The General Assembly finds that:

(1) Glen Travis Campbell was born on April 22, 1936, in Billstown, Arkansas, in Pike County, near Delight, Arkansas;

(2) Campbell began to learn to play the guitar when he was four (4) years old with a five-dollar guitar bought from the Sears, Roebuck and Company catalogue;

(3) Campbell left Arkansas during his teenage years; however, he always billed himself as being from Delight, Arkansas;

(4) Campbell achieved fame within the music industry by playing guitar with well-known musicians, including:

(A) A legendary group of studio musicians known as the Wrecking Crew;

(B) The Beach Boys on their landmark album, "Pet Sounds";

(C) Frank Sinatra on "Stangers in the Night"; and



(D) The Monkees on "I'm a Believer";  
(5) Widespread fame was achieved when Campbell released his covers of:

(A) "Gentle on My Mind" in 1967; and

(B) "By the Time I Get to Phoenix" in 1968;

(6) Over the course of his career, Campbell won six (6) Grammys and was nominated for a Grammy twenty-one (21) times;

(7) Among his most famous hits were several collaborations including with singer and songwriter Jimmy Webb, including without limitation:

(A) "By the Time I Get to Phoenix";

(B) "Galveston"; and

(C) "Wichita Lineman";

(8) Campbell played an enormous role in promoting Arkansas culture throughout his career by:

(A) Writing and recording the songs "Arkansas" and "Arkansas Farmboy"; and

(B) Appearing in several movies and shows with Arkansas connections, including:

(i) As La Boeuf in "True Grit", based on Arkansan Charles Portis' novel of the same name;

(ii) As the star of the movie "Norwood" based on the book also by Charles Portis;

(iii) Hosting "The Glen Campbell Goodtime Hour" and "The Glen Campbell Music Show"; and

(iv) In 2014, Campbell raised awareness about Alzheimer's disease when he opened up to his fans about his struggle with the disease in a documentary chronicling his farewell tour called "Glen Campbell: I'll Be Me";

(9) Campbell died on August 8, 2017, and is buried in the Campbell family cemetery in Billstown, Arkansas; and

(10) The designation of the Glen Campbell Memorial Highway is essential to:

(A) Preserve the music history of southwest Arkansas;

(B) Honor one of Arkansas's famous sons; and

(C) Promote the economic development of communities in

Pike County.

(b) The route along State Highway 301 from the Pike County Courthouse in Murfreesboro through Billstown and Bowen to its intersection with State Highway 19; then north along State Highway 19 becoming State Highway 26 in Delight to its intersection with Billstown Road; then south along Billstown Road to Billstown shall be known as the "Glen Campbell Memorial Highway".

(c) The Arkansas Department of Transportation shall erect appropriate signs along the route described in subsection (b) of this section designating the route as the "Glen Campbell Memorial Highway".

(d) If the Arkansas Department of Transportation does not have the funds available to erect the signs required under subsection (c) of this section, the Arkansas Department of Transportation may accept and use gifts, grants, and donations received from private, public, and nonprofit sources, including without limitation a city street department or a county road department for:

(1) Acquiring and installing the signs required under subsection (c) of this section; and

(2) Maintaining, replacing, or reconstructing the signs required under subsection (c) of this section.