

HOUSE BILL 807

By Pitts

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4,
Chapter 1, relative to Carbon Monoxide
Awareness Day.

WHEREAS, Bikers Who Care (BWC) is an organization of motorcycle enthusiasts dedicated to supporting children's charities; and

WHEREAS, in September of 2011, the Clarksville BWC group held the 30th Annual Leslie W. Watson Memorial Toy Run and Benefit Party All Weekend event; and

WHEREAS, on September 18, 2011, Kathryn Elizabeth Watson Over, Jonathan Michael Over, Timothy B. Stone, James F. Wall II, and Allison Elizabeth Bagwell-Wyatt were killed as a result of carbon monoxide poisoning in a recreational vehicle they shared, leaving behind thirteen children and a host of family and friends; and

WHEREAS, carbon monoxide poisoning kills hundreds of Americans each year; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting for Tennesseans to remember these persons who came together to support children's charities and to take measures to avoid such tragedies in the future by recognizing September 18 as Carbon Monoxide Awareness Day; now, therefore,

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 1, Part 4, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

September 18 of each calendar year shall be designated "Carbon Monoxide Awareness Day" to bring awareness to the dangers of carbon monoxide.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.