

STATE OF INDIANA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT INDIANAPOLIS

EXECUTIVE ORDER 22-14

FOR: THE NAMING OF A PORTION OF STATE HIGHWAY 28

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS MAY COME, GREETINGS.

WHEREAS, this Order honors the remarkable creativity, compassion, and talent of Bill and Gloria Gaither, whose spirit and songs have blessed Hoosiers and countless millions around the globe, by naming after them a portion of State Highway 28 through their hometown of Alexandria;

WHEREAS, throughout their storied singing and songwriting careers, the Gaithers have written more than seven hundred (700) popular gospel songs, including such Christian standards as "Because He Lives", "There's Something About That Name", and "Loving God, Loving Each Other", which they and many other famous artists including Elvis Presley, Sandi Patty, and the Statler Brothers, have performed around the world;

WHEREAS, in acknowledgment of their outstanding works, the Gaithers have been awarded the 2008 Sagem Award, eight (8) Grammy Awards, more than forty (40) Gospel Music Association DOVE Awards, and the title "Songwriter of the Year" eight (8) times, and have also been inducted into both the Gospel Music Hall of Fame and the Southern Gospel Music Hall of Fame;

WHEREAS, always seeking to lift up those around them, the Gaithers have counseled and advanced the careers of many new performers and highlighted the careers of established artists through their concerts and recordings;

WHEREAS, during their decades of writing, performing, and recording, the Gaithers have continued to make Alexandria their home, raising their family and investing their time, talent, and treasure in institutions and causes that have greatly benefited Hoosiers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of their remarkable contributions, service, and dedication, and in view of the credit and honor they have brought to Indiana, it is appropriate to recognize the Gaithers by naming after them the portion of State Highway 28 that runs through their beloved Alexandria;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Eric J. Holcomb, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Indiana, do hereby order the Indiana Department of Transportation to name after Bill and Gloria Gaither the portion of State Highway 28 that runs between County Road North 125 West and County Road North 100 East in the City of Alexandria, and to promptly prepare and execute any and all documents and signage necessary to effectuate the same.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Eric J. Holcomb, have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Indiana, on this 23rd day of September, 2022.



Eric J. Holcomb
Governor of Indiana



ATTEST: Holli Sullivan
Secretary of State