Jack Huddleston, with his wife Joyce, displays the proclamation declaring Friday "Jack Huddleston Appreciation Day." Pictured left to right are Knoxville Focus Publisher Steve Hunley, Gibbs Home Federal Bank Branch Manager Billy Mason, Knox County School Board member Mike McMillan, Knox County Commission Chair Dave Wright, Commissioner Ed Brantley, Knox County Mayor Tim Burchett, Commissioner Bob Thomas, former Commissioner Jack Huddleston, Knox County Trustee Ed Shouse, Joyce Huddleston, State Representative Harry Brooks and Knox County Law Director Bud Armstrong.

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The turnout Friday to honor former commissioner and community advocate Jack Huddleston was a gathering of "Who's Who" of Knox County elected officials. Burchett organized the effort and dozens of current and former officials gathered at Harbison Crossroads at Emory Road and Tazewell Pike to thank Huddleston for his efforts on behalf of Gibbs, Corryton and North Knox County.

State Representative Harry Brooks told the group, "Jack called me and said he had an idea." That idea led to the updating and expansion of the intersection of those two busy highways. Brooks looked at Huddleston in the audience and said, "Jack, this is your intersection."

Burchett declared the day "Jack Huddleston Appreciation Day" and noted Huddleston's many years of service.

"Jack helped secure the funding to get the signalization of this intersection started and to start working toward other improvements to the roadway," Burchett said. When a vehicle with a loud muffler passed by the mayor paused and said, "That's commerce."

Burchett went on to say that Harbison Crossroads is safer today; businesses can operate without worry and parents and children going to Gibbs Elementary and High School can pass through with ease. He added that the road and intersection improvements cut

Proposed BMX Park draws strong support

By Ken Lay

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