

honored by overpass signs

By Peter Gaudin

Three Knoxville champions of the civil rights movement were honored Saturday by having interstate overpasses named for them. Harold Middlebrook, Theotis Robinson and Dave Sanders were honored at the official overpass naming ceremony held at the Rock Cultural Exchange Center by members of the Tennessee Black Caucus of State Legislators.

Rep. Harvie Foster, in her opening remarks, said she was grateful for history being unveiled that day. She said that Knoxville has some of the best people who do the best things. "You are always welcome at the Rock," she told the around 75 guests



Civil rights leader Harold Middlebrook, right, was honored Saturday by having a interstate overpass named for him. On the left is State Representative Rick Staples who introduced the measure at the naming ceremony.

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the 1075 overpass on H8

and sports tourism

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The Grand Youth Center's hopes to build a \$9 million facility in Londale came one step closer to a reality recently when the Knox County Commission agreed to give the city a portion of the Sam E. Hill School Property.

The commission voted unanimously to pass a "no recommendation" of the gift, located at 1725 Delaware Avenue, on to today's regular meeting with some stipulations. The donated empty lot from the Board of Education, coupled with the city's promise of \$1 million, means plans for the community center can move ahead.

"Thank you for all you do," Commissioner Greg Anders told Steve Dagg, who briefly addressed the commission's work session. Knoxville Public Works Director David Bracehead, "This is a community with real needs for youth" is speaking of Londale.

"Our initiative is to bring about transformation of youth and it's unlike any project I've been involved with," Dagg told the commissioners.