## honored by overpass signs

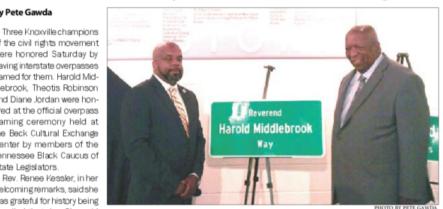
By Pete Gawda

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

welcoming remarks, saidshe was grateful for history being unveiled that day. She said that Knoxville has scores of the best people who do the best things. "You are always welcome at the Beck," she told the around 75 guests including elected officials,

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

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## center, paintball, and sports tourism

By Mike Steely steelym@knoxfocus.com

The Emerald Youth Center's hopes to build a \$9

million facility in Lonsdale 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 Brad Anders told Steve Diggs, who briefly addressed the commission's work session. Knoxville Public Works Director David Brace said, "This is a community with real needs for youth" in speaking of Lonsdale

"Our initiative is to bring about transformation of youth andit's unlike any project I've been involved

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with," Diggs told the commissioners. Chairman Dave Wright said the resolution allows