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1           A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the creation of  
2 a Medal of Honor Memorial Highway in Indiana.

3           *Whereas, The Medal of Honor is our nation's highest award*  
4 *for valor, presented to veterans of the armed forces of the*  
5 *United States for acting with conspicuous gallantry and*  
6 *intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty at risk of one's life*  
7 *during combat with an enemy of the United States;*

8           *Whereas, The Medal of Honor is widely recognized and*  
9 *respected by the military and public alike;*

10          *Whereas, Hoosier Medal of Honor recipients have close ties*  
11 *to Indiana;*

12          *Whereas, Indiana Medal of Honor recipients served with the*  
13 *United States Army, United States Marine Corps, United States*  
14 *Navy, and United States Air Force in wars from the time of the*  
15 *Civil War to the current War on Terror over a period of more*  
16 *than 156 years;*

17          *Whereas, The nonprofit Bend Heroes Foundation and the*  
18 *Oregon Legislature created a law designating all 451 miles of*  
19 *the border to border U.S. Highway 20 in Oregon as the Oregon*  
20 *Medal of Honor Highway, a first in our nation to honor all*  
21 *states' Medal of Honor recipients;*

22          *Whereas, The Oregon law suggested a first ever National*  
23 *Medal of Honor Highway would be created if all 11 states east*  
24 *of Oregon and through which U.S. Highway 20 traverses*  
25 *designated border to border Medal of Honor Highways in their*



1 *states;*

2 *Whereas, Indiana has not dedicated a border highway to*  
 3 *honor all of Indiana's Medal of Honor recipients;*

4 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly urges the Indiana*  
 5 *Department of Transportation to designate U.S. Highway 20,*  
 6 *a 163 mile border to border highway, the Indiana Medal of*  
 7 *Honor Highway in honor of Indiana's current and future Medal*  
 8 *of Honor recipients and facilitate a 3,365 mile National Medal*  
 9 *of Honor Highway across America;*

10 *Whereas, U.S. Highway 20 travels through or near such*  
 11 *towns and cities as Metz, Berlien, Angola, Brush Prairie, Plato,*  
 12 *LaGrange, Shippshewana, Middlebury, Elkhart, Osceola,*  
 13 *Mishawaka, South Bend, Ardmore, Lydick, Olive, New Carlisle,*  
 14 *Rolling Prairie, Springville, Michigan City, Waterford, Trail*  
 15 *Creek, Town of Pines, Chesterton, Porter, Portage, Dunes*  
 16 *Harbor, Burns Harbor, Ogden Dunes, Dunes Acres, Lake*  
 17 *Station, Gary, East Chicago, Whiting, and Hammond;*

18 *Whereas, Veterans in Indiana support the creation of a Medal*  
 19 *of Honor Highway and have offered to pay the cost to create*  
 20 *and install the Indiana Medal of Honor Highway signs; and*

21 *Whereas, The Indiana General Assembly deeply appreciates*  
 22 *the service and sacrifice of its Medal of Honor recipients and*  
 23 *the positive roles they have played in their communities and*  
 24 *throughout the United States for more than 150 years:*  
 25 *Therefore,*

26 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
 27 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
 28 *the Senate concurring:*

29 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the  
 30 Indiana Department of Transportation to rename U.S. Highway  
 31 20 beginning at the Indiana and Ohio border and ending at the  
 32 Illinois and Indiana border the "Indiana Medal of Honor  
 33 Highway" honoring current and future Indiana Medal of Honor  
 34 recipients.

35 SECTION 2. That the Indiana Department of Transportation  
 36 place and maintain suitable markers which include the display  
 37 of the three versions of the Medal of Honor along U.S.



1 Highway 20 when installing signs in recognition of the Indiana  
2 Medal of Honor Highway.

3 SECTION 3. That the Indiana Department of Transportation  
4 may accept moneys and may enter into agreements with  
5 veterans and other groups to create, install, and maintain the  
6 signs.

7 SECTION 4. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
8 Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to the  
9 office of State Representative Dennis Zent for distribution.

