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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION No. 7

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing Doans Creek on Highway 45/58 the "Major Emerson Y. Barker Memorial Bridge".

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(HOUSE SPONSOR — ELLINGTON)

January 10, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.

January 29, 2019, reported favorably — Do Pass.

January 31, 2019, read second time, adopted by voice vote.

HOUSE ACTION

February 7, 2019, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.



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1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana
2 Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing
3 Doans Creek on Highway 45/58 the "Major Emerson Y. Barker
4 Memorial Bridge".

5 *Whereas, Major Emerson Y. Barker was born January*
6 *17, 1920, in Greene County, Indiana;*

7 *Whereas, After graduating from Scotland High School in*
8 *1937, Emerson Y. Barker entered Indiana Central College,*
9 *graduating in 1941 as a double major in History and*
10 *Physical Education;*

11 *Whereas, In 1940, Emerson Y. Barker entered a pilot*
12 *training program under the Civil Aeronautics Authority at*
13 *Stout Field, Indianapolis, Indiana;*

14 *Whereas, Emerson Y. Barker won a scholarship for pilot*
15 *training with the Army Aviation Cadet Class in 1941, and*
16 *graduated from the U.S. Army Air Corps Advance Flying*
17 *School at Luke Field, Arizona;*

18 *Whereas, Emerson Y. Barker trained at several air bases*
19 *in California, Arizona, Georgia, and finally Orlando Air*
20 *Base in Florida, where he flew P40s, P38s, P47s, and P61s;*

21 *Whereas, Emerson Y. Barker was promoted to major in*
22 *the U.S. Army Air Corps, and became the commanding*
23 *officer of the 419th Night Fighter Squadron;*

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1 *Whereas, During World War II, Major Barker was sent*
2 *to Guadalcanal where he flew in the first night raid on*
3 *Rabaul, a Japanese Air Base in the South Pacific, on*
4 *January 22 and 23, 1944;*

5 *Whereas, While in flight June 12, 1944, Major Barker's*
6 *airplane exploded over the Pacific Ocean, and Major Barker*
7 *and his airplane were never found;*

8 *Whereas, In recognition of his service, Major Barker was*
9 *awarded the Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters for*
10 *meritorious achievement;*

11 *Whereas, On June 13, 2012, Major Barker was*
12 *recognized with full military honors, including a headstone*
13 *dedicated in his memory located at Arlington National*
14 *Cemetery; and*

15 *Whereas, In honor of his service and dedication to his*
16 *home and country, it is fitting that the State of Indiana*
17 *recognize Major Barker's ultimate sacrifice by naming the*
18 *bridge crossing Doans Creek on State Road 45/58 in Greene*
19 *County in remembrance of Major Barker: Therefore,*

20 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
21 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives*
22 *concurring:*

23 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
24 Major Emerson Y. Barker for his service and urges the Indiana
25 Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing
26 Doans Creek on State Road 45/58, east of U.S. Highway 231 in
27 Greene County, the "Major Emerson Y. Barker Memorial
28 Bridge".

29 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
30 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Mr. Ned Malone and the
31 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to SC 7 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

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