

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1998

CAPTAIN JAMES M. SPRAYBERRY MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, Captain James M. Sprayberry, a native son of Troup County, born in LaGrange, is recognized as one of our nation's greatest heroes; and

WHEREAS, for his courage and fearless action Captain James M. Sprayberry, distinguished himself by showing exceptional bravery while serving as executive officer of the U.S. Army's Company D; and

WHEREAS, his company commander and a great number of the men were wounded and separated from the main body of the company and a daybreak attempt to rescue them was driven back by the well-entrenched enemy's heavy fire; and

WHEREAS, Captain Sprayberry organized and led a volunteer night patrol to eliminate the intervening enemy bunkers and to relieve the surrounded element and this rescue operation, which lasted approximately 7 1/2 hours, and saved the lives of many of his fellow soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Captain Sprayberry personally killed 12 enemy soldiers, eliminated two machine guns, and destroyed numerous enemy bunkers; and

WHEREAS, Captain James M. Sprayberry was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his indomitable spirit and gallant actions at great personal risk to his own life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of State Route 109, from the intersection of U.S. Highway 29 (Roanoke Road at West Point Road) on the east to the Alabama state line on the west, be designated the "Captain James M. Sprayberry Medal of Honor Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a suitable copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a suitable copy presented to Captain James M. Sprayberry, and the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs designating this highway.

Adopted this 22nd day of October, 1998.