

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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DESMOND T. DOSS MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

No. 82 (House Resolution No. 731).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the "Desmond T. Doss Medal of Honor Highway"; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Desmond T. Doss is one of only 22 Georgians to be awarded the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 1945, as a company aid man with the 307th Infantry Medical Detachment on Okinawa, then Private Doss bravely exposed himself to heavy enemy fire to carry to safety numerous infantrymen stricken during a bloody assault on high ground heavily defended by the enemy; and

WHEREAS, on May 2, 1945, he again exposed himself to heavy rifle and mortar fire to rescue a wounded man who fell far forward of friendly lines, and two days later he advanced through a shower of grenade shrapnel to within eight yards of a heavily defended cave to reach four wounded comrades, whom he treated and carried to safety in four separate trips to friendly lines; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 1945, he braved enemy shelling and small arms fire to treat a fallen officer, moving him to a sheltered position and administering plasma while artillery and mortar shells exploded all around, and later that same day he crawled to a position 25 feet from an enemy position to treat a wounded soldier and carry him 100 yards through enemy fire to safety; and

WHEREAS, on May 21, 1945, during a night attack, he fearlessly remained in exposed territory treating the wounded until he himself was seriously wounded in the legs, and rather than call another aid man, Private Doss bound his own wounds and waited five hours for litter bearers to reach him and begin carrying him to safety; and

WHEREAS, when he and the litter bearers were caught in an enemy tank attack, he insisted on giving up his place on the litter to a more seriously wounded comrade, and while waiting for the litter bearers' return, he was hit again, suffering a compound fracture of one arm, which he splinted with a rifle stock, and then he crawled 300 yards to an aid station; and

WHEREAS, through his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions, Private Doss saved the lives of many soldiers, and his name became a symbol throughout the 77th Infantry Division for outstanding gallantry far above and beyond the call of duty.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 2 in Walker County between Georgia Highway 193 and the boundary between Catoosa County, or U.S. Highway 27, whichever is most eastward, is designated as the "Desmond T. Doss Medal of Honor Highway."

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers so designating said highway.

Approval Date: Approved April 4, 1990.