

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 1992

Act 71

Senate Resolution 485

Effective April 17, 1992

ROBERT B. NETT MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating the Robert B. Nett Medal of Honor Highway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, 48 years ago in one of World War II's many fierce firefights, Colonel (Ret.) Robert B. Nett of Columbus, Georgia, (then Lieutenant) distinguished himself as a cut above most men when courage and bravery are measured and earned for himself this country's highest award of valor -- the Medal of Honor; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 1944, as commander of Company E, he is credited with killing seven Japanese soldiers with the bayonet of his M-1 rifle and with leading his company through a major enemy defensive line on Leyte Island in the Philippines; and

WHEREAS, he suffered three bullet wounds that day: one that grazed his jugular vein which was patched with a butterfly bandage by a medic; another bullet caught him in the right side of the chest, carrying away part of a lung; and the third bullet "blew out a rib" in his back and put him out of operation; and

WHEREAS, the citation accompanying his Medal of Honor states that "by his remarkable courage in continuing forward through sheer determination despite successive wounds, Lt. Nett provided an inspiring example for his men and was instrumental in the capture of a vital strongpoint"; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Nett is one of only 208 living winners of the military's most cherished medal; and

WHEREAS, for his outstanding bravery and unflinching determination in the face of desperately dangerous conditions, Colonel Nett merits the recognition of the State of Georgia and it is only fitting that his name be perpetuated in an appropriate fashion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of US-27, from I-185, east to the Muscogee County line, is designated as the Robert B. Nett Medal of Honor Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and the family of Colonel (Ret.) Robert B. Nett.