

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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DANIEL WARNELL LEE MEMORIAL BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

No. 123 (House Resolution No. 1073).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Daniel Warnell Lee Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Daniel Warnell Lee was born to Ida Hyres Lee and Daniel M. Lee on June 23, 1919, in Bacon County, Georgia, reared on the family farm near the community of Guysie with brothers, Miles S. Lee, Alco Lee, Edward Lee, Romie Lee, Roy Lee, and sister Cora Lee Brown; and

WHEREAS, he started school at Guysie School, graduated from Alma High School in Bacon County, and earned a degree from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 1946 the Congressional Medal of Honor was presented to First Lieutenant Daniel W. Lee by President Harry Truman, for outstanding gallantry, willing risk of life, and extreme tenacity of purpose in coming to grips with the enemy, although suffering from grievous wounds; and

WHEREAS, the citation with the Congressional Medal of Honor read as follows:

1st Lieutenant (then 2d Lieutenant) Daniel W. Lee was leader of Headquarters Platoon, Troop A, 117th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, at Montreval, France, on September 2, 1944, when the Germans mounted a strong counterattack, isolating the town and engaging its outnumbered defenders in a pitched battle. After the fight had raged for hours and our forces had withstood heavy shelling and armor-supported infantry attacks, 2d Lieutenant Lee organized a patrol to knock out mortars which were inflicting heavy casualties on the beleaguered reconnaissance troops. He led the small group to the edge of the town, sweeping enemy riflemen out of position on a ridge from which he observed seven Germans manning two large mortars near an armored halftrack about 100 yards down the reverse slope. Armed with a rifle and grenades, he left his men on the high ground and crawled to within 30 yards of the mortars, where the enemy discovered him and unleashed machine-pistol fire which shattered his right thigh. Scorning retreat, bleeding and suffering intense pain, he dragged himself relentlessly forward. He killed five of the enemy with rifle fire, and the others fled before he reached their position. Fired on by an armored car, he took cover behind the German halftrack and there found a panzerfaust with which to neutralize this threat. Despite his wounds, he inched his way toward the car through withering machinegun fire, maneuvered into range, and blasted the vehicle with a round from the rocket launcher, forcing it to withdraw.

Having cleared the slope of hostile troops, he struggled back to his men, where he collapsed from pain and loss of blood. Second Lieutenant Lee's outstanding gallantry, willing risk of life, and extreme tenacity of purpose in coming to grips with the enemy, although suffering from grievous wounds, set an example of bravery and devotion to duty in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service.

WHEREAS, only 22 native Georgians have been presented the Congressional Medal of Honor, which was first awarded during the Civil War; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. Lee joined the reserves and was recalled by the army for two years for the Korean Conflict, and he achieved the rank of Captain; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. Lee retired as Senior Vice President of Military Service Company, San Antonio, Texas, a division of EBCSCO Industries; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. Lee died January 22, 1985, leaving a widow, a gracious lady, the former Sallie Davis of Blackshear, Georgia, three children, Daniel W. Lee, Jr., San Antonio, Texas; James D. Lee, St. Louis, Missouri; Elizabeth C. Lee von Merveldt, Lompoc, California; and eight grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Daniel W. Lee was buried with full military honors in Rose Hill Cemetery in Alma, Georgia, and in attendance were six other Medal of Honor recipients, friends, family, and officials of the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body designate the bridge on Georgia Highway 32 which crosses Little Hurricane Creek in Bacon County, Georgia, between Alma, Georgia, and Nicholls, Georgia, near the community of Guysie, Georgia, as the Daniel Warnell Lee Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect appropriate signs designating such bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Daniel Warnell Lee.

Approval Date: Approved April 25, 1996.