

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2011**

Act 257

Senate Resolution 343, Part VIII-E

Effective May 13, 2011

**PFC DON MANAC MEMORIAL BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, PFC Don Manac was serving his country as a member of Company H, Second Battalion, Seventh Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, on August 20, 1970; and

WHEREAS, he was a member of a reaction force which was directed to relieve another Marine unit that had been pinned down by fire from a large North Vietnamese Army force; and

WHEREAS, upon arriving at the site of the beleaguered unit, the reactionary force came under intense automatic weapons fire and, during the initial moments of the engagement, two Marines were seriously wounded; and

WHEREAS, observing that the casualties were lying in an open area, PFC Manac unhesitatingly moved across the fire-swept terrain to the side of his comrades and, seemingly heedless of the enemy rounds impacting around him, dragged them to a covered location; and

WHEREAS, determined to prevent the hostile force from taking and using the wounded soldiers' weapons, he again braved the enemy fusillade as he retrieved the rifles but, before he could reach the safety of his platoon's defensive, he was mortally wounded; and

WHEREAS, his heroic and determined actions inspired all who observed him and were instrumental in saving the lives of two fellow Marines; and

WHEREAS, by his courage, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger, PFC Manac upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the United States Naval Service and he gallantly gave his life in the service of his country; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the ultimate sacrifice of PFC Don Manac be honored by establishing a lasting memorial in his honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the members of this body join in honoring PFC Don Manac and dedicate the bridge on SR-94 at the Clinch-Echols County line, over the Suwannoochee Creek, as the PFC Don Manac Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities 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 PFC Don Manac.