

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2024

Act 702

House Resolution 854, Part XII & Part XXI

Effective May 6, 2024

NEAL "WALDO" MCINTYRE, JR. MEMORIAL BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force, enlisting at the age of 18 in 1942; and

WHEREAS, during his twenty-first mission in a B-17 as a technical sergeant and radio operator, his plane was shot down on March 8, 1944, over Berlin, Germany; and

WHEREAS, he was captured by enemy forces after his parachute was entangled in a tree on his descent and became a prisoner of war for 14 months, suffering unimaginable conditions and starvation until the end of the war; and

WHEREAS, after the war he returned home to Irwinville, Georgia, where he farmed and worked for the U.S. Postal Service; and

WHEREAS, a Purple Heart recipient, Mr. McIntyre's selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women, like Mr. McIntyre, who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McIntyre embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the bridge on SR-32, over the Big Creek in Irwin County, is dedicated as the Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the family of Mr. Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr.