

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 18

(By Delegate Smith)

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6 Requesting the Division of Highways to name the bridge on County
7 Rt. 23/ near Walkersville in Lewis County, bridge number 21-
8 23/-8.17, as the "SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson Memorial Bridge".

9 WHEREAS, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson was born on February 17,
10 1950, near Roanoke in Lewis County, died on June 11, 1971 in Binh
11 Dhin, South Viet Nam by hostile fire and was a member of the elite
12 group of special forces, C Co, 75th Infantry, 173rd Airborne, BDE
13 Rangers; and

14 WHEREAS, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson attended schools in Lewis
15 County throughout his youth, graduating from Lewis County High
16 School in the class of 1969, where he competed and lettered in
17 track and wrestling; and

18 WHEREAS, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson sought to follow the example
19 of his five older brothers, Tom, Roy, Branty, Jim and Roscoe and
20 became a member of the Armed Forces, performing his duty for
21 country and home by serving in the Army of the United States,
22 earning the rank of Specialist Four; and

23 WHEREAS, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson, was the recipient of the
24 honorable ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL for the performance of
25 exceptionally meritorious service in Vietnam from November 1970 to

1 June 1971; and

2 WHEREAS, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson, was awarded the PURPLE HEART
3 by the President of the United States for wounds received in
4 action; and

5 WHEREAS, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson, was a kind and giving young
6 man who loved his family, his community, his school and his nation;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson, ultimately gave his rich,
9 young life in the performance of his duty to country during which
10 the Secretary of the Army describes him as displaying outstanding
11 professional competence and devotion to duty and as reflecting
12 great credit upon himself, his unit and the military service; and

13 WHEREAS, It is fitting to honor SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson for
14 his service and for the gift of his young, exemplary life in the
15 service of this nation; and

16 WHEREAS, The naming of a bridge in honor of SP4 Loyd Eugene
17 Robinson is but a small gesture of gratitude and appreciation for
18 the sacrifice made by this young man and suffered by his family;
19 therefore, be it

20 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

21 That the Legislature hereby requests the Division of Highways
22 to name the bridge on County Rt. 23/ near Walkersville in Lewis
23 County, bridge number 21-23/-8.17, as the "SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson
24 Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

25 *Further Resolved,* That the Division of Highways is hereby

1 requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge
2 as the "SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

3 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
4 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the
5 Department of Transportation; to Mr. Robinson's sisters, Lena Rose
6 Nissel, Grace Belle Alderman, Nettie Gregory, Betty Mitchell, Hazel
7 Blake and Katy Craig; to his surviving brothers, Jim Robinson,
8 Roscoe Robinson and Johnny Robinson; and to next of kin of his
9 deceased brothers, Thomas Robinson, Roy Curtis Robinson, and Paul
10 Branty Robinson, if not already receiving a certified copy as a
11 surviving sibling.