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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 68

(By Delegates Martin, Andes and Paxton)

Requesting the Division of Highways to designate the intersection of new U.S. Route 35 and Hurricane Creek Road the "Wilma Ellen Hodges Leslie Memorial."

WHEREAS, Wilma Ellen Hodges was born on January 24, 1929, in Hurricane, West Virginia to the late Stephen and Marguerite Erwin Hodges; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Ellen Hodges married Jacob Fredrick Leslie on September 21, 1947, and they shared 45 years and nine children together until Fred's death in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Wilma and Fred played an important role in the growth of Putnam County when they started Leslie Lumber Company and began the housing development industry in Putnam County in the early 1960's. They were responsible for numerous housing developments, including Shawnee Estates, Riverdale Estates, Woodland Forest, Teays Village, and Woods and Irons, before their retirement; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Ellen Hodges Leslie was tragically taken from her loved ones in an automobile accident on July 4, 2009, at the intersection of new U.S. Route 35 and Hurricane Creek Road; and

WHEREAS, Wilma Ellen Hodges Leslie is survived by Marilyn L. Christiani and her husband Frank of Scottsdale, Arizona, daughter-

1 in-law Beverly Leslie of Hurricane, Charlotte Leslie of Charleston,
2 William E. and wife Tina, C.S. "Butch" Leslie and his wife Janet,
3 Robert "Bob" W. Leslie and his wife Laura all of Winfield, Anita
4 Yeager and her husband Glen of Scott Depot, Debra L. Chapman and
5 her husband John W. III, of Hurricane and daughter-in-law Sandra S.
6 Leslie of Winfield; two of Wilma's sons, John Frederick and Michael
7 Joseph Leslie, preceded her in death; and Wilma is survived by
8 twenty-six grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, Wilma Ellen Hodges Leslie was devoted to her children
10 and family, and had a unique capacity for making each child or
11 grandchild, sibling, niece, or nephew feel special and loved; and

12 WHEREAS, Wilma Ellen Hodges Leslie was a faithful member of Mt.
13 Vernon Baptist Church; a Past Worthy Matron and a Charter member of
14 the Buffalo Chapter No 150, Order of the Eastern Star; a dedicated
15 member of the Putnam County Republican Committee for many years; a
16 charter member of the Women's Club; a former board member of
17 Shawnee Hills Mental Health Center; and was instrumental in the
18 movement of education for mentally disabled children in Putnam
19 County; and

20 WHEREAS, It is only fitting and proper that Wilma Ellen Hodges
21 Leslie's many good works and important contributions to Putnam
22 County be remembered and acknowledged; therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

24 That the Division of Highways is hereby requested to designate
25 the intersection of new U.S. Route 35 and Hurricane Creek Road the

1 "Wilma Ellen Hodges Leslie Memorial"; and, be it

2 *Further Resolved,* That the Division of Highways is requested
3 to have made and be placed, signs or other appropriate markers,
4 identifying the intersection as the "Wilma Ellen Hodges Leslie
5 Memorial"; and, be it

6 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the House of Delegates
7 forward a certified copy of this resolution to the family of Wilma
8 Ellen Hodges Leslie and the Secretary of the Department of
9 Transportation.