

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 35

(By Senators D. Facemire, Minard, Klempa and Yost)

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Requesting the Division of Highways to name the bridge on County Rt. 23, near Walkersville in Lewis County, bridge number 21-23/-8.17, as the "SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson Memorial Bridge".
Whereas, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson was born on February 17, 1950, near Roanoke in Lewis County, died on June 11, 1971 in Binh Dhin, South Viet Nam by hostile fire and was a member of the elite group of special forces, C Co, 75th Infantry, 173rd Airborne, BDE Rangers; and

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

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

Whereas, SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson, was the recipient of the honorable ARMY COMMENDATION MEDAL for the performance of

1 exceptionally meritorious service in Vietnam from November 1970 to
2 June 1971; and

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

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

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

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

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

21 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

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

1 Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

2 *Further Resolved*, That the Division of Highways is hereby
3 requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge
4 as the "SP4 Loyd Eugene Robinson Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

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