

1 **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 69**

2 (By Senators Plymale, Jenkins and Stollings)

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4 Requesting the Division of Highways name bridge number 50-152-
5 32.48, in Wayne County, the "Staff Sergeant Sidney H.
6 Blankenship Memorial Bridge".

7 Whereas, Sidney H. Blankenship was born June 4, 1939; and

8 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship served his
9 country during the Vietnam War; and

10 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship was wounded
11 during a surprise attack by a battalion of North Vietnamese Army
12 troops on February 26, 1968; and

13 Whereas, Although wounded, Staff Sergeant Sidney H.
14 Blankenship calmly organized and encouraged the troops to provide
15 an effective defense against the enemy attack; and

16 Whereas, Staff Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship was hit three
17 times, but kept his fighting spirit by aiding in the defense of the
18 command post; and

19 Whereas, After nearly four hours of rigorous fighting, the
20 North Vietnamese Army moved back to take care of the dead and
21 wounded; and

22 Whereas, For his bravery, Staff Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship
23 was awarded the Silver Star Medal, the third highest medal awarded,
24 the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart; and

1 Whereas, Sadly, Staff Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship passed
2 away December 22, 2010, bring an end to a life of dedicated public
3 service; and

4 Whereas, It is fitting and proper, to honor the life of Staff
5 Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship, for his dedicated service to his
6 state and country, by naming this bridge in his memory; therefore,
7 be it

8 *Resolved by the Legislature of West Virginia:*

9 That the Legislature hereby requests the Division of Highways
10 to name bridge number 50-152-32.48, in Wayne County, the "Staff
11 Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship Memorial Bridge"; and, be it

12 *Further Resolved,* That the Division of Highways is hereby
13 requested to have made and be placed signs identifying the bridge
14 as the "Staff Sergeant Sidney H. Blankenship Memorial Bridge"; and,
15 be it

16 *Further Resolved,* That the Clerk of the Senate is hereby
17 directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of
18 the Department of Transportation and the family of Staff Sergeant
19 Sidney H. Blankenship.