COMMITTEE REPORT

May 6, 2009

**H. 3766**

Introduced by Reps. Scott, Umphlett, Daning, Jefferson, Merrill and Stewart

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**THE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (H. 3766) to request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of Myers Road in Berkeley County from its intersection with United States Highway 176 to its intersection with, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

That they have duly and carefully considered the same and recommend that the same do pass:

LAWRENCE K. GROOMS for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF MYERS ROAD IN BERKELEY COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 176 TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH UNITED STATES HIGHWAY 17 “FIREFIGHTER BRANDON THOMPSON HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “FIREFIGHTER BRANDON THOMPSON HIGHWAY”.

Whereas, at least twenty Charleston firefighters rushed into the monster fire on the Savannah Highway early on the night of June 18, 2007, intent on rescuing employees said to be trapped inside the flaming structure; and

Whereas, three firefighters from Fire Station 10 did not return to their station, while only one firefighter from Ashley Hall Plantation Road’s Engine 16 came out alive, and none from Engine 19 survived the horror of a rapidly collapsing roof; and

Whereas, seasoned firefighters on the scene are still dismayed by the overwhelming speed of the conflagration, and by the distressing loss of their comrades in courage; and

Whereas, one of the fearless men who died in the tragic blaze was Firefighter Brandon Thompson. He joined the Pine Ridge Rural Fire Department in Berkeley County as a junior volunteer fireman at age fourteen, and continued to serve as a volunteer with that unit until his tragic death. Also, he had been with the Charleston department for four years. The “go‑getter” could be relied on to collect for charities on behalf of both departments by passing “the boot”; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to honor Firefighter Brandon Thompson by naming a portion of a highway in Berkeley County as a memorial to his bravery. Now, therefore,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of Myers Road in Berkeley County from its intersection with United States Highway 176 to its intersection with United States Highway 17 “Firefighter Brandon Thompson Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain the words “Firefighter Brandon Thompson Highway”.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation.

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