COMMITTEE REPORT

April 17, 2013

**S. 544**

Introduced by Senators Hayes, Coleman, Gregory and Peeler

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 544) to request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 72 in York County from its intersection with Rawlsville Road to its intersection, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

LISTON D. BARFIELD for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME THE PORTION OF SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY 72 IN YORK COUNTY FROM ITS INTERSECTION WITH RAWLSVILLE ROAD TO ITS INTERSECTION WITH CRAIG ROAD “EZRA DEWITT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS ALONG THIS PORTION OF HIGHWAY THAT CONTAIN THE WORDS “EZRA DEWITT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY”.

Whereas, Mr. Ezra DeWitt was the proprietor of DeWitt’s Bike and Key Shop located at 2639 Saluda Road in the City of Rock Hill from 1964 until 1998; and

Whereas, being a locksmith, he had the opportunity to travel extensively throughout York County and made numerous friends; and

Whereas, he was a small man in stature, but had a heart as big as a giant. If a child wanted a bicycle and could not afford it, he would make sure that child got one. When a family could not afford repairs on a bicycle, he made them at no cost to the family. He touched many lives with his generosity; and

Whereas, Ezra DeWitt was married to his wife Jenette for fifty‑seven years and together they raised nine wonderful children. They lived on Dunlap Roddey Road for many years; and

Whereas, he was an active member of Oakdale Baptist Church for many years, and then later a member of Epworth United Methodist Church; and

Whereas, it would be fitting and proper to pay tribute to the many good works of Mr. Ezra DeWitt by naming a portion of South Carolina Highway 72 in York County in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the General Assembly request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of South Carolina Highway 72 in York County from its intersection with Rawlsville Road to its intersection with Craig Road “Ezra DeWitt Memorial Highway” and erect appropriate markers or signs along this portion of highway that contain the words “Ezra DeWitt Memorial Highway”.

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

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