COMMITTEE REPORT

May 5, 2021

**S. 701**

Introduced by Senator Sabb

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**THE COMMITTEE ON**

**INVITATIONS AND MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS**

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 701) to request that the Department of Transportation name a portion of Highway 45 from Betaw Road extending, etc., respectfully

**REPORT:**

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

DENNIS C. MOSS for Committee.

**A** **CONCURRENT RESOLUTION**

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME A PORTION OF HIGHWAY 45 FROM BETAW ROAD EXTENDING 1.5 MILES TO ARROWHEAD TURN “HARVEY MIDDLETON ROAD” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Whereas, the members of the South Carolina General Assembly wish to honor the ultimate sacrifice of Officer Harvey Middleton, who was killed in the line of duty on May 11, 1975; and

Whereas, Officer Harvey Middleton was born on August 26, 1945, to Mr. and Mrs. Ada Legree and Oliver Middleton, Sr. He was one of six children, with siblings Dorothy Prioleau, SGM(R) Earl Middleton, Lou Ell Williams, Leon Middleton, and the late Oliver Middleton, Jr.; and

Whereas, Officer Middleton was a graduate of Russellville High School’s class of 1962 and attended Trident Technical College from 1973 to 1974, specializing in auto mechanics. He graduated from the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy on March 28, 1975; and

Whereas, a veteran of the Vietnam War, Officer Middleton served the United States Army as a S. 4 Rank from 1966 until he was honorably discharged on June 19, 1972; and

Whereas, after his military service, Officer Middleton was employed as a security officer in New York for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York until 1973 when he relocated to St. Stephen, South Carolina; and

Whereas, in St. Stephen, he was employed as a Berkeley County Sheriff’s Deputy from January 26, 1974, until his passing on May 11, 1975; and

Whereas, an active leader in his community and profession, Officer Middleton was a member of Masonic Lodge No. 315 and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Officers’ Association; and

Whereas, a devout man of faith, Officer Middleton attended St. Stephen Baptist Church, where he served as church trustee member, member of the male chorus, and assistant Sunday School teacher; and

Whereas, Officer Middleton was married to Ella Hawkins, and he had four children, Terrance Rose, Cassandra Brown, Ateshia Middleton Lester, and Harvey Middleton, Jr.; and

Whereas, on May 11, 1975, Officer Middleton received a call of a volatile family disturbance while he was in church. He left the services and attempted to bring peace, but the armed assailant opened fire and fatally wounded Officer Middleton; and

Whereas, it would be only fitting and proper to pay tribute to this son of South Carolina by naming a portion of road in the State in his honor. Now, therefore,

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

That the members of the South Carolina General Assembly, by this resolution, request that the Department of Transportation name a portion of Highway 45 from Betaw Road extending 1.5 miles to Arrowhead Turn “Harvey Middleton Road” and erect appropriate markers or signs at this location containing the designation.

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Department of Transportation and provided to the family of Officer Harvey Middleton.

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