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Committee Report

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The committee on House Invitations and Memorial Resolutions

To whom was referred a Concurrent Resolution (S. 1161) to request that the Department of Transportation name the portion of US 276 (Laurens Road) between Millennium Boulevard (N) and Forrester Drive in Greenville County, etc., respectfully

Report:

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

DENNIS MOSS for Committee.

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A concurrent RESOLUTION

TO REQUEST THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION NAME the portion of US 276 (Laurens Road) between Millennium Boulevard (N) and Forrester Drive in Greenville County “SCHP Patrolman Edwin D. Milam Memorial Highway” AND ERECT APPROPRIATE MARKERS OR SIGNS AT THIS LOCATION CONTAINING THE DESIGNATION.

Whereas, a native of Laurens County, Edwin Deronda Milam was born on August 10, 1909, to Vance L. Milam and Lilla Marie Waters Milam. He graduated from Laurens High School; and

Whereas, after graduating, Mr. Milam became a patrolman with the South Carolina Highway Patrol. On December 25, 1934, Patrolman Milam was returning home to Greenville County after visiting his mother. He was traveling on US 276 (Laurens Road) when he was flagged down by the leader of Laurel Creek United Methodist Church where a Christmas celebration was being hosted; and

Whereas, the leader of the church advised Patrolman Milam of a civil disturbance. The men, neither a part of the church or the celebration, were fighting. Patrolman Milam was asked to quell the situation; and

Whereas, Patrolman Milam approached an armed man but did not draw his weapon. Patrolman Milam attempted to secure the gun from the man when a scuffle ensued, and Patrolman Milam was shot. After several blows, he died from his injuries; and

Whereas, Patrolman Milam was twenty‑five years old when he died. He was described by his superior officers as an officer and a gentleman and by his family as an easygoing person who was loved in the community; and

Whereas, Patrolman Milam was the first South Carolina Highway Patrolman to die as a result of a felonious assault. He is buried at Rosemont Cemetery in Newberry; and

Whereas, Patrolman Milam was preceded in death by his father, Vance L. Milam. He left to cherish his memory his mother, Lilla Marie Waters Milam; two brothers, Robert L. Milam and William A. Milam; and three cousins, Robbie Milam and Sharon Milam of Richland County and Daniel Rhame of Lexington County. He will be greatly missed; 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 the portion of US 276 (Laurens Road) between Millennium Boulevard (N) and Forrester Drive in Greenville County “SCHP Patrolman Edwin D. Milam Memorial Highway” 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 presented to the family of SCHP Patrolman Edwin D. Milam.

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