

House Resolution 1109

By: Representative Pirkle of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom
4 and liberty with the United States Air Force, enlisting at the age of 18 in 1942; and

5 WHEREAS, during his twenty-first mission in a B-17 as a technical sergeant and radio
6 operator, his plane was shot down on March 8, 1944, over Berlin, Germany; and

7 WHEREAS, he was captured by enemy forces after his parachute was entangled in a tree on
8 his descent and became a prisoner of war for 14 months, suffering unimaginable conditions
9 and starvation until the end of the war; and

10 WHEREAS, after the war he returned home to Irwinville, Georgia, where he farmed and
11 worked for the U.S. Postal Service; and

12 WHEREAS, a Purple Heart recipient, Mr. McIntyre's selfless service to this nation and
13 unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States will long be
14 remembered and appreciated; and

15 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women, like
16 Mr. McIntyre, who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's
17 way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. McIntyre embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
19 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable
20 and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his
21 memory.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 32 over Big Creek in Irwin
24 County is dedicated as the Neal "Waldo" McIntyre Jr. Memorial Bridge.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Neal "Waldo" McIntyre Jr.
27 Memorial Bridge.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Mr. Neal "Waldo" McIntyre, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.