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2 Department of Transportation to rename the section of U.S.  
3 Highway 421 from the Jefferson/Ripley county line to the U.S.  
4 Highway 421 and State Road 62 intersection the "Major Samuel  
5 Woodfill Memorial Highway".

6           *Whereas, Major Samuel Woodfill, a native of Jefferson*  
7 *County, was the only Hoosier to be awarded the Congressional*  
8 *Medal of Honor during World War I;*

9           *Whereas, A veteran of the Philippine-American War, World*  
10 *War I, and World War II, Major Woodfill served his country for*  
11 *more than 40 years;*

12           *Whereas, Major Woodfill was the most decorated American*  
13 *serviceman during World War I, and in addition to receiving*  
14 *the Medal of Honor, he was awarded the French Croix de*  
15 *Guerre with Palm, Montenegro's Order of Prince Danilo I*  
16 *(Fifth Class), and Italy's Merito di Guerra, and was made a*  
17 *Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor;*

18           *Whereas, Major Woodfill was lauded as "the greatest*  
19 *American soldier of the world war" by General John Pershing,*  
20 *Commander of the American Expeditionary Forces during*  
21 *World War I;*

22           *Whereas, On October 12, 1918, Major Woodfill and his*  
23 *company encountered heavy machine gun fire from the*  
24 *Germans at Cunel, France;*

25           *Whereas, Major Woodfill reached the machine gun bunkers*



1 *three times, killing or capturing the German soldiers each time;*

2 *Whereas, As a result of their bravery and great risks taken,*  
3 *Major Woodfill and his men suffered for years from the effects*  
4 *of mustard gas used during World War I;*

5 *Whereas, As further recognition of his renown, Major*  
6 *Woodfill was asked to serve as a pallbearer at the burial of the*  
7 *Unknown Soldier during the 1921 dedication ceremonies at*  
8 *Arlington National Cemetery and as a pallbearer for General*  
9 *Pershing in 1948;*

10 *Whereas, Major Woodfill was born on January 6, 1883, in*  
11 *Bryantsburg, the son of John H. Woodfill, a veteran of the*  
12 *Mexican-American War and the Civil War;*

13 *Whereas, Major Woodfill attended school at Belleview,*  
14 *enlisted in the 11th Infantry of the United States Army on*  
15 *March 8, 1901, and was later buried in Arlington National*  
16 *Cemetery; and*

17 *Whereas, Great bravery and heroism deserve special*  
18 *recognition: Therefore,*

19 *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
20 *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
21 *the Senate concurring:*

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the  
23 Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the section of  
24 U.S. Highway 421 from the Jefferson/Ripley county line to the  
25 U.S. Highway 421 and State Road 62 intersection the "Major  
26 Samuel Woodfill Memorial Highway" .

27 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
28 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the  
29 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation and  
30 the family of Major Samuel Woodfill.

