



February 23, 2022

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 6**

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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the bridge on I-65 over the Wabash River as the "Captain Ronald D. Gutwein Memorial Bridge".

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**Soliday, Gutwein, Pressel, Lehe**

(SENATE SPONSORS — BUCK, TOMES, BOOTS, GARTEN, BALDWIN,  
CRIDER, SANDLIN)

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January 11, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 10, 2022, reported — Do Pass.  
February 14, 2022, read second time, passed. Yeas 92, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 15, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.  
February 22, 2022, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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2 Department of Transportation to rename the bridge on I-65 over  
3 the Wabash River as the "Captain Ronald D. Gutwein  
4 Memorial Bridge".

5           *Whereas, Captain Ronald D. Gutwein was born and raised in*  
6 *Francesville, Indiana, and graduated from Francesville High*  
7 *School;*

8           *Whereas, Captain Gutwein, after graduation from Moody*  
9 *Bible Institute, enlisted in the United States Army as a private*  
10 *and worked his way up to the rank of captain. After graduating*  
11 *from U.S. Army flight training, he was assigned to Company B,*  
12 *229th Aviation Assault Helicopter Battalion;*

13           *Whereas, On April 19, 1968, Warrant Officer Gutwein, while*  
14 *-serving as flight leader, distinguished himself with*  
15 *exceptionally valorous action on a combat mission in the A*  
16 *Shau Valley, Republic of Vietnam. While participating in the*  
17 *movement of infantry units into enemy controlled territory,*  
18 *Warrant Officer Gutwein exposed himself to intense, hostile fire*  
19 *time after time as he flew numerous sorties to deliver essential*  
20 *troops for the successful completion of his unit's mission. His*  
21 *courage and bravery were in keeping with the highest traditions*  
22 *of the military service and reflected great credit upon himself,*  
23 *his unit, and his country. For this he was awarded the Silver*  
24 *Star Medal;*

25           *Whereas, Warrant Officer Gutwein was awarded a second*  
26 *Silver Star while serving as aircraft commander of a UH-1H*  
27 *Huey helicopter in the Republic of Vietnam. When informed*



1        *that a Special Forces reconnaissance team was surrounded by*  
2        *a large enemy force and needed immediate, emergency*  
3        *extraction from the jungle using a forest penetrator hoist,*  
4        *Warrant Officer Gutwein took off in hazardous conditions and*  
5        *flew to the team's location using primitive radio navigation.*  
6        *Having used significant time and fuel to pinpoint the Special*  
7        *Forces' location, Warrant Officer Gutwein, at great personal*  
8        *risk, elected to land at an enemy airstrip to collect the team and*  
9        *bring them to safety;*

10        *Whereas, Warrant Officer Gutwein was awarded the*  
11        *Distinguished Flying Cross while serving as a pilot of a UH-1H*  
12        *Huey at Dak To for service above and beyond the call of duty.*  
13        *During an emergency combat supply mission to an embattled*  
14        *unit, Warrant Officer Gutwein's ship came under intense,*  
15        *hostile fire. Disregarding his own personal safety, he made a*  
16        *vertical approach through 150-foot trees. He successfully*  
17        *completed his resupply mission and evacuated multiple*  
18        *wounded men to the medical aid station from the landing zone;*

19        *Whereas, Warrant Officer Gutwein received the Purple Heart*  
20        *for wounds received during combat. He was subsequently*  
21        *awarded the Bronze Star and numerous Air Medals;*

22        *Whereas, Warrant Officer Gutwein was direct commissioned*  
23        *a first lieutenant for his exemplary military service record,*  
24        *promoted to captain shortly thereafter, and then returned to*  
25        *Vietnam for a second tour in the combat zone;*

26        *Whereas, In his second Vietnam tour he was awarded three*  
27        *more Bronze Stars, two Army Commendation Medals, and he*  
28        *was nominated for the Distinguished Service Medal, the second*  
29        *highest decoration the United States of America awards for*  
30        *heroism;*

31        *Whereas, Captain Ronald D. Gutwein left the Army but*  
32        *continued to serve his country in the Middle East as an aviation*  
33        *safety consultant to U.S. allies; and*

34        *Whereas, Civilian pilot Gutwein continued to serve people by*  
35        *flying medivac missions for the Mayo Clinic in Minnesota until*  
36        *his untimely death: Therefore,*



1                    *Be it resolved by the House of Representatives*  
2                    *of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,*  
3                    *the Senate concurring:*

4                    SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the  
5                    Indiana Department of Transportation to rename the bridge on  
6                    I-65 over the Wabash River as the "Captain Ronald D. Gutwein  
7                    Memorial Bridge".

8                    SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
9                    Representatives shall transmit copies of this resolution to  
10                   Representative Edmond Soliday and the Commissioner of the  
11                   Indiana Department of Transportation.



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 6, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to HC 6 as printed January 11, 2022.)

PRESSEL

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 6, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that said resolution DO PASS.

(Reference is to HC 6 as printed February 10, 2022.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 8, Nays 0

