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January 18, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
March 30, 2017, reported — Do Pass.

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*Whereas, Born on February 8, 1945, on a farm in eastern Indiana, Captain Charles Edwin Engle was the first of four children;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle attended public schools in Lynn, where he was active in sports, was a member of the National Honor Society throughout high school, and served as vice-president of his high school class twice;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle attended Purdue University, where he majored in physical education and was commissioned in the United States Air Force Reserves under The Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle completed Undergraduate Pilot Training and was awarded his pilot wings at Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas, in May 1969;*

*Whereas, After completing Forward Air Controller training, Captain Engle was assigned to the 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron (TASS) at Cam Ranh Bay in the Republic of Vietnam in September 1969;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle served with the 21st TASS until May 1970, when he transferred to the 56th Special Operations Wing at Udorn Royal Thai Air Force Base,*

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*Thailand;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle volunteered for the classified "Raven" (Project 404) program in Laos;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle arrived in Laos in May 1970, and was assigned to Long Tieng, the headquarters of the legendary Hmong leader, Major General Vang Pao;*

*Whereas, Fighting was heavy at Long Tieng, and Captain Engle's reputation as a skilled and capable fighter pilot spread quickly throughout the fighter pilot community;*

*Whereas, On June 20, 1970, while attempting to pinpoint a downed pilot's location, Captain Engle's aircraft encountered gunfire which severed the fuel line, drenching Captain Engle and his aircraft with fuel;*

*Whereas, During the attempted rescue of the downed pilot, the rescue helicopter received heavy automatic weapons fire;*

*Whereas, Realizing that the rescue aircraft may be shot down, Captain Engle maneuvered his aircraft between the gun position and the helicopter, allowing the helicopter to escape;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle was presented with the Air Force Cross (Posthumously), the second-highest decoration for valor, for his bravery under fire;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle was also presented with the Silver Star as a result of his gallantry during military operations;*

*Whereas, On January 2 and 3, 1971, Captain Engle flew his aircraft, under adverse weather conditions, through intensive ground fire, continuously making low passes through heavy and accurate anti-aircraft and small arms fire to accurately mark the target of the mission, causing heavy damage against the opposing forces' positions and targets;*

*Whereas, Captain Engle also received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his bravery and courageous actions on two occasions - October 24, 1970, and August 21, 1970;*

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*Whereas, Captain Engle flew his last mission on February 22, 1971; and*

*Whereas, Because of his extraordinary heroism, superb airmanship, and aggressiveness in the face of the enemy, Captain Engle deserves special recognition by his fellow Hoosiers: Therefore,*

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

1           SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly wishes to create  
2 a lasting monument acknowledging the great bravery and final sacrifice  
3 of Captain Charles Edwin Engle in giving his life in service to his  
4 nation.

5           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
6 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of  
7 Captain Charles Edwin Engle and the Commissioner of the Indiana  
8 Department of Transportation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 7, 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 7 as introduced.)

SOLIDAY

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

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