



April 12, 2017

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 7**

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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

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January 18, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
March 30, 2017, reported — Do Pass.  
April 3, 2017, read second time, passed. Yeas 93, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

April 4, 2017, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.  
April 11, 2017, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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2 of Transportation to rename that section of U.S. Highway 27, both  
3 north and south, through Lynn, Indiana, as the "Captain Charles Edwin  
4 Engle Memorial Mile."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1 *Thailand;*

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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1       *Whereas, Captain Engle flew his last mission on February*  
2       *22, 1971; and*

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

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

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

14       SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
15       Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of  
16       Captain Charles Edwin Engle and the Commissioner of the Indiana  
17       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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COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution No. 7, 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 7 as printed April 4, 2017.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0

