



February 28, 2018

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 18**

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DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename that segment of U.S. Highway 421 from the Jefferson/Ripley County line to the junction of U.S. Highway 421 and State Road 62 the "Major Samuel Woodfill Memorial Highway".

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Gutwein, Judy**

(SENATE SPONSORS — MERRITT, PERFECT, SMITH J)

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January 18, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.  
February 15, 2018, reported — Do Pass.  
February 19, 2018, read second time, passed. Yeas 91, nays 0.

SENATE ACTION

February 20, 2018, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.  
February 27, 2018, reported favorably — Do Pass.

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4 junction of U.S. Highway 421 and State Road 62 the "Major  
5 Samuel Woodfill Memorial Highway".

6           *Whereas, Major Samuel Woodfill, a native of Jefferson*  
7 *County, was the only Hoosier to be awarded the Medal of*  
8 *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 one of the most decorated*  
13 *American servicemen during World War I, receiving the Medal*  
14 *of Honor, the French Croix de Guerre with Palm, the Cross of*  
15 *Prince Danilo, and Italy's Merito di Guerra, and was made a*  
16 *Chevalier of the French Legion of Honor;*

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

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

24           *Whereas, Major Woodfill reached machine gun bunkers three*  
25 *times, killing or capturing German soldiers each time;*



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 18, 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 18 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. 18, 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 18 as printed January 19, 2018.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 7, Nays 0

