



February 23, 2016

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**HOUSE CONCURRENT  
RESOLUTION No. 47**

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February 22, 2016, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.

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*Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Dured E. Townsend received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in connection with military operations during World War II while serving as commanding officer of an infantry battalion of the 86th Mountain Infantry Regiment, 10th Mountain Division;*

*Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Townsend led his battalion through mines and under enemy fire, with complete disregard for his own safety;*

*Whereas, Born and raised in Newberry, Lieutenant Colonel Townsend first enlisted in the United States Army when he was 16 years old;*

*Whereas, At 18, Lieutenant Colonel Townsend returned to Newberry where he received his GED and reenlisted, becoming the highest noncommissioned officer in the United States; and*

*Whereas, Lieutenant Colonel Townsend was an inspiration to all who knew him and deserves special recognition for his bravery in the line of fire: 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 urges the  
2 commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename  
3 the bridge on State Road 57 across the White River in the city of  
4 Newberry as the "Lieutenant Colonel Dured E. Townsend Memorial  
5 Bridge".

6           SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of  
7 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the family of  
8 Lieutenant Colonel Dured E. Townsend and the commissioner of the  
9 Indiana Department of Transportation.

