

February 10, 2022

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 14**

DIGEST OF RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing Blue Lick Creek on US 31 near Memphis, Indiana, the "Corporal Jordan L. Spears Memorial Bridge".

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(HOUSE SPONSORS — LINDAUER, PAYNE, ENGLEMAN)

January 18, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.
January 25, 2022, reported favorably — Do Pass.
January 31, 2022, read second time, adopted by standing vote.

HOUSE ACTION

February 7, 2022, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
February 10, 2022, reported — Do Pass.

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2 Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing Blue
3 Lick Creek on US 31 near Memphis, Indiana, the "Corporal
4 Jordan L. Spears Memorial Bridge".

5 *Whereas, Marine Corporal Jordan Lee Spears was the first*
6 *casualty of Operation Inherent Resolve in the war against the*
7 *Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL);*

8 *Whereas, Corporal Spears was born in Sellersburg,*
9 *Indiana, on January 23, 1993, to Greg and Cosette Spears;*

10 *Whereas, Prior to graduating from Silver Creek High*
11 *School in 2011, Corporal Spears enlisted in the Marine Corps*
12 *at the age of seventeen through the Early Entry Program;*

13 *Whereas, Corporal Spears served as crew chief on the*
14 *MV-22 Osprey, a tiltrotor military aircraft with both vertical*
15 *takeoff and landing and short takeoff and landing capabilities;*

16 *Whereas, Corporal Spears was assigned to the Marine*
17 *Medium Tiltrotor Squadron 163, Marine Aircraft Group 16,*
18 *3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, I Marine Expeditionary Force,*
19 *Marine Corps Air Station Miramar when he conducted flight*
20 *operations in the North Arabian Gulf in support of Operation*
21 *Inherent Resolve;*

22 *Whereas, On October 1, 2014, Corporal Spears took off*
23 *from the USS Makin Island in a MV-22 Osprey on a mission to*
24 *retrieve Marines from Kuwait and send them to Baghdad to*

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1 *reinforce the United States Embassy, which was under threat of*
2 *attack from ISIL;*

3 *Whereas, Shortly after takeoff, the MV-22 Osprey lost*
4 *power over the Arabian Gulf, and with a crash seemingly*
5 *imminent, Corporal Spears and the other crew chief jumped out*
6 *of the aircraft;*

7 *Whereas, Both crew chiefs left the aircraft with 60 pounds*
8 *of body armor into water containing nearly 5,000 pounds of jet*
9 *fuel that was discharged from the Osprey in an attempt to save*
10 *the aircraft while experiencing whiteout conditions created by*
11 *rotor wash;*

12 *Whereas, Upon landing in the water, Corporal Spears' life*
13 *preserver failed to automatically inflate and he failed to*
14 *manually inflate the preserver, eventually being lost at sea;*

15 *Whereas, Corporal Spears will be remembered for his*
16 *smile, artistic ability, love to hunt and fish, and being "loyal to*
17 *a fault"; and*

18 *Whereas, At the age of 21, Corporal Spears was the first*
19 *Marine supporting Operation Inherent Resolve who gave the*
20 *ultimate sacrifice while fighting for freedom and defending the*
21 *United States and the American way of life: Therefore,*

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

25 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly urges the
26 Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge
27 crossing Blue Lick Creek on US 31 near Memphis, Indiana, the
28 "Corporal Jordan L. Spears Memorial Bridge".

29 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
30 to transmit copies of this Resolution to the family of Corporal
31 Jordan Spears and the Commissioner of the Indiana Department
32 of Transportation.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Madam President: The Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 14, 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 SC 14 as introduced.)

CRIDER, Chairperson

Committee Vote: Yeas 6, Nays 0

COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred Senate Concurrent Resolution 14, 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 SC 14 as printed February 7, 2022.)

PRESSEL

Committee Vote: Yeas 9, Nays 0

