

ACT No. 256

HOUSE BILL NO. 166

BY REPRESENTATIVES HOFFMANN, ANDERS, BALDONE, HENRY BURNS, CARMODY, CHANEY, CONNICK, DOWNS, GISCLAIR, HARDY, HENDERSON, HENRY, HOWARD, ROSALIND JONES, KATZ, LAFONTA, LITTLE, LOPINTO, RICHARD, RICHARDSON, SEABAUGH, GARY SMITH, JANE SMITH, STIAES, THIERRY, AND WILLMOTT AND SENATOR WALSWORTH

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

1 AN ACT

2 To designate portions of Louisiana highways to honor public service of Louisiana citizens;
3 to designate Louisiana Highway 34 from Louisiana Highway 546 to Kings Lake
4 Road as the "Corporal J.R. Searcy Memorial Highway"; to designate the section of
5 United States Highway 51 from the intersection of Louisiana Highway 38 to the
6 Mississippi state line as the "Trooper Rudolph H. Miller Memorial Highway"; to
7 designate the section of Louisiana Highway 118 from Florien to Kisatchie as the
8 "Louisiana Maneuvers and Purple Heart Memorial Highway"; to designate the
9 section of Louisiana Highway 749 from the intersection of West Martin Luther King
10 Drive to the intersection of Louisiana Highway 167 as the "Griffin Pat Miller
11 Memorial Highway"; to designate the highway overpass on United States Highway
12 165 in Allen Parish in the town of Kinder, Louisiana, as the "Staff Sergeant William
13 Francis 'Bill' Manuel Memorial Overpass"; and to provide for related matters.

14 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

15 Section 1. Louisiana Highway 34 from Louisiana Highway 546 to Kings Lake Road
16 shall be hereinafter known and designated as the "Corporal J.R. Searcy Memorial Highway".

17 The Department of Transportation and Development shall erect appropriate signage
18 reflecting this designation. Corporal Searcy spent the majority of his adult life serving the
19 citizens of Ouachita Parish as a proud member of the Ouachita Parish Sheriff's Office.

20 Corporal Searcy honorably served as a patrol deputy, a K-9 deputy, and a training officer for
21 the patrol division. On March 6, 2010, Corporal Searcy died as a result of a gunshot wound
22 received while responding to an aggravated assault complaint and backing up a fellow

1 deputy sheriff. Corporal Searcy was thirty-three years old when he died in the line of duty,
 2 bravely serving and protecting the citizens of Ouachita Parish and enforcing the laws he was
 3 sworn to enforce. Corporal Searcy is survived by his wife and three children. Even in death,
 4 Corporal Searcy continued to serve his community as his organs were donated to save
 5 citizens in need of organ transplants. The family, friends, and fellow deputies were all proud
 6 of Corporal Searcy and will deeply miss his friendship and service.

7 Section 2. The section of United States Highway 51 from the intersection of
 8 Louisiana Highway 38 to the Mississippi state line shall hereinafter be known and
 9 designated as the "Trooper Rudolph H. Miller Memorial Highway".

10 Section 3. The section of Louisiana Highway 118 from Florien to Kisatchie shall
 11 hereinafter be known and designated as the "Louisiana Maneuvers and Purple Heart
 12 Memorial Highway".

13 Section 4. The section of Louisiana Highway 749 from the intersection of West
 14 Martin Luther King Drive to the intersection of Louisiana Highway 167 shall hereinafter be
 15 known and designated as the "Griffin Pat Miller Memorial Highway".

16 Section 5. The highway overpass on United States Highway 165 in Allen Parish in
 17 the town of Kinder, Louisiana, shall hereinafter be known and designated as the "Staff
 18 Sergeant William Francis 'Bill' Manuel Memorial Overpass".

19 Section 6. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
 20 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
 21 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
 22 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
 23 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____