

House Resolution 1608

By: Representative Sims of the 169<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commemorating the achievements and sacrifice made by Lieutenant Rudolph McKinnon and  
2 renaming the Satilla River Bridge on Highway 135 West in Douglas, Georgia, the Lieutenant  
3 Rudolph McKinnon, USN, Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Lieutenant McKinnon was born on January 20, 1923, to William Bryan  
5 McKinnon and Laura Estelle McKinnon; and

6 WHEREAS, Lieutenant McKinnon served honorably in the United States Navy from 1955  
7 to 1960 as a naval aviator with Fighter Squadron 174; on January 12, 1960, Lieutenant  
8 McKinnon and another aviator were on a flight training mission when a mistake caused the  
9 two fine, young pilots to collide killing Lt. McKinnon instantly; and

10 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was born and raised within a half-mile of the Satilla River Bridge  
11 where as a child he dove off, swam around, and fished off the bridge; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a faithful member of Mora Baptist Church and a young student  
13 attending the local schools and later graduating from South Georgia College before entering  
14 the Naval Cadet program; and

15 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was a young man who despite growing up during the Depression  
16 availed himself of the opportunities of the United States to achieve success before his life  
17 was tragically cut short; and

18 WHEREAS, Lt. McKinnon was a loving husband to Nancy Faye McKinnon and loyal  
19 brother to younger brother Clark McKinnon and sisters Paulette Wilson and Carol A.  
20 Morrison as well as being a young man who was generally loved and respected in the  
21 surrounding community.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 GEORGIA that the members of this body commemorate the sacrifice made by Lieutenant  
3 Rudolph McKinnon, USN, and honor him by renaming the Satilla River Bridge on Highway  
4 135 in Douglas, Georgia, the Lieutenant Rudolph McKinnon, USN, Memorial Bridge.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
6 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lieutenant Rudolph, USN,  
7 McKinnon Memorial Bridge.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
9 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Lieutenant  
10 Rudolph McKinnon and to the Department of Transportation.