

## Senate Resolution 357

By: Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Major Byron S. McGuire, Sr., and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and  
2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Major McGuire was born February 6, 1920, in Tampa, Florida, and died on  
4 September 9, 1992, in Appling County, Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he received his pilot's wings at Bush Field in Augusta, Georgia, when he was  
6 only 21 years of age, and served his country in the Army Air Corps; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he completed six circumnavigations of the world; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he flew in North Africa during World War II and also flew judges in and out  
9 of Berlin during the Nuremberg trials; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Major McGuire flew the first plane into Goose Bay, Labrador, where there was  
11 no runway; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was the first pilot to land a four-engine plane at the North Pole; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he was promoted to the rank of Major at the age of 31 and retired at 33 after  
14 suffering a severe heart attack; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he returned to Georgia in 1958 after serving as a city councilman in North  
16 Miami Beach, Florida; and
- 17 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this courageous soldier and pilot be honored with a lasting  
18 memorial for his service to his country.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 GEORGIA that the bridge on SR 104 at Keg Creek, in Columbia County, be dedicated as the  
3 Major Byron S. McGuire, Sr. Memorial Bridge, and that the Department of Transportation  
4 is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the Major  
5 Byron S. McGuire, Sr. Memorial Bridge.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
7 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Major Byron S. McGuire,  
8 Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.