

Senate Resolution 357

By: Senator Whitehead, Sr. of the 24th

ADOPTED SENATE**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.