

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 357:

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

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**PART I**

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 **PART II**

2 WHEREAS, the late L. M. Moye, Jr., was a distinguished citizen and resident of Stewart  
3 County, Georgia, for the majority of his lifetime; and

4 WHEREAS, he was affectionately known in and around Stewart County during his lifetime  
5 as "Red" Moye and made substantial civic and community contributions to the State of  
6 Georgia, and County of Stewart; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology and served his country  
8 in World War II as a U.S. Navy Lt. Commander during the North African Campaign, as well  
9 as performing active duty military service at Sicily, Anzio, Palermo, and Normandy; and

10 WHEREAS, L. M. Moye, Jr., was awarded and decorated with the Purple Heart as a result  
11 of his military service to the United States of America; and

12 WHEREAS, among his achievements and contributions in the areas of historic preservation,  
13 he was an original founder and assisted with the early stewardship of Westville Village, and  
14 donated land and otherwise worked to establish and promote the Singer-Moye Indian  
15 Mounds so that both of these museums could be enjoyed in perpetuity; and

16 WHEREAS, he helped to establish the Stewart County Fire Unit of the Georgia Forestry  
17 Commission, served as Stewart County's District Supervisor on the Lower Chattahoochee  
18 Soil and Water Conservation Board, and also served a term as State President; and

19 WHEREAS, L. M. Moye, Jr., served his community in various capacities as a volunteer,  
20 including service as a Little League and Pony League baseball coach, Cub Scout leader, and  
21 member of Cuthbert Presbyterian Church; and

22 WHEREAS, he established and maintained a home in Stewart County with his wife, Sue  
23 McLendon Moye, whom he married in 1945, and together they raised two sons, Andrew J.  
24 Moye, III, and Matthew M. Moye, on the family homeplace located three miles south of  
25 Lumpkin, Georgia, on the family plantation which has been owned by the family since 1853;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, the Moye home located in Stewart County was built in 1836 and remains in  
28 excellent condition due to the stewardship of L. M. Moye, Jr., and his spouse, who still  
29 resides in the home; and

1 WHEREAS, L. M. Moye, Jr., employed his personal motto to "leave the place in better shape  
2 than you found it" in various aspects of his life, including his work and his support of historic  
3 preservation efforts; and

4 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Stewart County deems it fitting and appropriate  
5 to honor the achievements and contributions of the late L. M. "Red" Moye, Jr., by  
6 designating a permanent public memorial near his homeplace.

7 **PART III**

8 WHEREAS, Eddie Wiggins will soon be stepping down as the chairman of the 21st Century  
9 Partnership; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a founding father of the partnership in 1993 and has served as chairman  
11 since 1999; and

12 WHEREAS, normally a chairman serves a two-year term, but Eddie Wiggins remained as  
13 chairman due to repeated requests from the community and his absolute passion for Robins  
14 Air Force Base and Middle Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, Eddie Wiggins successfully guided Robins Air Force Base and the community  
16 through many challenging issues including reduced budgets, privatization threats, lack of  
17 adequate on-base and off-base housing, and lack of medical participation in the TRICARE  
18 program; and

19 WHEREAS, since 1993, Robins Air Force Base has grown from about 18,000 to 27,000  
20 personnel, increased its economic impact on Georgia from \$2.3 billion to \$4.2 billion, and  
21 survived three base closure and realignment rounds; and

22 WHEREAS, Eddie Wiggins is known nationally as Middle Georgia's Mr. Air Force, and he  
23 deserves recognition for dedicating his heart and soul to Robins Air Force Base and the  
24 airmen who serve our great country so proudly.

25 **PART IV**

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
27 GEORGIA that the bridge on SR 104 at Keg Creek, in Columbia County, be dedicated as the  
28 Major Byron S. McGuire, Sr. Memorial Bridge.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the bridge over  
2 Pataula Creek on US 27 in Stewart County be dedicated as the L. M. Moye, Jr. Memorial  
3 Bridge.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the Russell Parkway  
5 bridge over SR 247 in Houston County as the Eddie Wiggins Bridge.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
7 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this  
8 resolution.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
10 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the  
11 family of Major Byron S. McGuire, Sr., to the family of L. M. Moye, Jr., and to Eddie  
12 Wiggins.