

Senate Resolution 975

By: Senator Dugan of the 30th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Colonel Lynn "L.E." Witt, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Lynn "L.E." Witt, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
7 liberty with the United States Army Air Corps and served as a fighter squadron leader in the
8 Allied campaign to take back Japanese held islands in the southwest pacific during World
9 War II; and

10 WHEREAS, he logged 905 combat hours and flew 326 combat missions, more missions than
11 any other American pilot during World War II, and received a Distinguished Service Cross
12 for sinking a Japanese destroyer using only his plane's guns; and

13 WHEREAS, Colonel Witt was also recognized with the Silver Star, the Air Medal with eight
14 oak leaf clusters, the American Campaign medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with
15 one Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Philippine
16 Liberation Ribbon, and the Philippine Independence Ribbon; and

17 WHEREAS, during his 30 year career with the military, Colonel Witt spent five at Robins
18 Air Force Base as Head of Air Force Recruiting; and

19 WHEREAS, Colonel Witt embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
20 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
21 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
22 appropriately.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 166 in Carroll County from State
25 Route 100 to its intersection with Garrett Circle is dedicated as the Col. L.E. Witt, Jr.,
26 Memorial Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Col. L.E. Witt, Jr., Memorial
29 Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Colonel Lynn "L.E." Witt,
32 Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.