

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 17

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Brown, Cain, Capps, Cole,
Cullison, Dickerson, Douglass,
Easley, Fair, Fisher, Ford,
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Long (Ed), Long (Lewis),
Miles-LaGrange, Muegge, Pierce,
Price, Roberts, Robinson, Rozell,
Rubottom, Shedrick, Shurden,
Smith, Snyder, Stipe, Taylor,
Weedn, Wilkerson, Williams (Penny)
and Wright of the Senate

and

Maddux (Elmer) of the House

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the service and courage of Trooper Billy G. Young, Badge #117, of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol; designating the bridge on U.S. Highway No. 412 east of Woodward as The Trooper Billy G. Young Bridge; directing the Department of Transportation to place appropriate markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Billy G. Young was a graduate of the Thirteenth Highway Patrol Academy in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Young, Badge #117, was first assigned to patrol the highways of Woodward County, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Young was later transferred to Beaver, Oklahoma, to open up a new detachment; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Young returned to Woodward, Oklahoma, after breaking in the new recruits in Beaver, Oklahoma; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Young was assigned to the newly created Motor Vehicle Inspection Division of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol in 1968; and

WHEREAS, in 1978 Trooper Young was assigned to participate in a search for two escapees from the Oklahoma State Penitentiary who were being sought for multiple murders committed after their escape during their flight through six states; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Young encountered the two escapees on a county road near Kenefic, Oklahoma, on May 26, 1978; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Billy G. Young, Badge #117, was killed in the resulting gunfight with the two escapees on May 26, 1978; and

WHEREAS, May 26, 1978, has become known as the darkest day in the history of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol as Trooper Young and two other troopers were killed that day; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Billy G. Young made the supreme sacrifice while proudly serving the State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 44TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the middle and longest pair of newly constructed four-lane bridges crossing the North Canadian River on U.S. Highway No. 412 east of Woodward be and are hereby designated "The Trooper Billy G. Young Bridge" as a lasting testimonial to the courage and sacrifice of Trooper Billy G. Young, Badge #117, in the performance of his duties as a member of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

THAT the Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon said bridges bearing an appropriate designation to memorialize the service of Trooper Billy G. Young to his state and community.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Transportation; to Trooper Young's widow, Ms. Letha Young of Woodward; to Trooper Young's three sons, Lee Young of Washington, D.C., Bob Young of Woodward, Oklahoma, and Jerry Young of Brownsville, Texas; and to the Oklahoma State Troopers' Association.

Adopted by the Senate the 21st day of April, 1993.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____,
1993.

Speaker of the House of
Representatives