STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 45th Legislature (1996)

HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1099

By: Plunk of the House

and

Wilkerson of the Senate

AS INTRODUCED

A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the service of Private First Class Vernon Sweat; designating the bridge crossing Leader Creek on State Highway No. 48 as the "Vernon Sweat Memorial Bridge"; directing the Department of Transportation to place appropriate markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Vernon Sweat was born and reared in Lula, Oklahoma, until being drafted into the United States Army in the last half of his senior year of high school; and

WHEREAS, Vernon Sweat dutifully answered the call of his beloved country to leave behind his adolescent youth and join the fight against tyranny; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Vernon Sweat was inducted into the United States Army on February 23, 1943, attached to the 1913th Engineering Aviation Battalion; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Vernon Sweat contracted typhus fever while stationed in New Guinea, passing from his earthly life on January 30, 1944; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Vernon Sweat was returned to the place of his birth and was laid to rest in Lula, Oklahoma, on July 16, 1948; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Vernon Sweat did make the supreme sacrifice in defense of country and native State of Oklahoma.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 2ND SESSION OF THE 45TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the bridge over Leader Creek on State Highway No. 48, 1.3 miles south of Lula, Oklahoma, be designated the "Vernon Sweat Memorial Bridge" as a lasting testimonial to the sacrifice of Private First Class Vernon Sweat in the performance of his duties as a member of the 1913th Engineering Aviation Battalion during World War II.

THAT the Department of Transportation shall cause suitable permanent markers to be placed upon the bridge bearing the name "Vernon Sweat Memorial Bridge" and an appropriate designation to memorialize the service of Private First Class Vernon Sweat to his country.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to the Department of Transportation and the family of Vernon Sweat.

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