

(1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION)
ENGROSSED HOUSE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 1003

By: Hefner of the House

and

Easley of the Senate

A Concurrent Resolution designating a portion of State Highway 72 as the Lt. Col. Ernest Childers Highway; directing Oklahoma Department of Transportation to place permanent markers; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers advanced a hill toward enemy machine gun nests in Oliveto, Italy, on September 22, 1943, which led to two enemy snipers firing upon him; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers slew both snipers and proceeded to outflank the machine gun nests; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers continued his advance and single-handedly captured an enemy mortar observer; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers was cited for exceptional leadership, initiative, calmness under fire, conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at risk of life above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Second Lieutenant Ernest Childers continued a distinguished career, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 1ST EXTRAORDINARY SESSION OF THE 48TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE SENATE CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the portion of State Highway 72 beginning at the intersection of State Highway 72 and State Highway 51B extending south approximately 1.8 miles be designated as the "Lt. Col. Ernest Childers Highway".

THAT the Oklahoma Department of Transportation shall cause permanent suitable markers to be placed upon the portion of highway bearing the name.

THAT copies of this resolution be distributed to Herschal Crow, Secretary, Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Gary Ridley, Director of Transportation, to the members of the State Transportation Commission, and to Mr. Ernest Childers.

Adopted by the House of Representatives the 2nd day of October, 2001.

Presiding Officer of the House of

Adopted by the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001. Representatives

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