

Regular Session, 2008

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE HILL

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

To urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to designate the portion of Louisiana Highway 165 North from Oakdale city limits to the Rapides Parish line as the "Staff Sergeant Timothy B. Cole, Jr. Memorial Highway" and to erect signage along this route reflecting this designation.

WHEREAS, Timothy B. Cole, Jr., was a native of Oakdale, Louisiana, and graduated from Oakdale High School; and

WHEREAS, Timothy B. Cole, Jr., joined the Marine Corps in 1998, and during his tour with the Marines, he served in Afghanistan as part of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Cole was the team leader of the Army's first airborne reconnaissance squadron, and the 82nd Airborne Division from Fort Bragg, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Timothy B. Cole, Jr., received the Bronze Star Award for saving a fellow soldier's life when a bomb exploded; and

WHEREAS, he was also awarded posthumously the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service from August 11, 2005, to June 6, 2007, the Purple Heart, and the Army Commendation Medal for general performance; and

WHEREAS, he also received the Army Commendation Medal with Valor for exceptionally valorous conduct as a reconnaissance team leader for moving under fire to save the life of a fellow trooper during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Timothy Cole, Jr., was killed in the line of duty while serving in Iraq when a roadside bomb exploded; and

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Timothy B. Cole, Jr., made the ultimate sacrifice of giving up his life for this country; and

WHEREAS, Timothy B. Cole, Jr., left behind a host of friends in the community of Oakdale in Allen Parish who are stunned and saddened by his death; and

WHEREAS, the community of Oakdale, Louisiana, and the people of Allen Parish recognize that it would be fitting tribute to the life and legacy of Army Staff Sergeant Timothy B. Cole, Jr., to designate the portion of Louisiana Highway 165 North from the Oakdale city limits to the Rapides Parish line as the "Staff Sergeant Timothy B. Cole, Jr. Memorial Highway" so that Timothy B. Cole, Jr., will live on in the hearts and minds of all who knew and loved him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby urge and request the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development to designate the portion of Louisiana Highway 165 North from the Oakdale city limits to the Rapides Parish line as the "Staff Sergeant Timothy B. Cole, Jr. Memorial Highway" and to erect signage along this route reflecting this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE