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**HOUSE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 26**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to rename two bridges over U.S. Highway 50 in Daviess County after David Graham and James Newland.

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February 3, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Roads and Transportation.
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Whereas, The creation of a highway connecting Evansville to Indianapolis required years of hard work by dedicated people;

Whereas, Two of these people are David Graham and James Newland;

Whereas, David Graham was born in February 1927 into a southern Indiana family with strong ties to the automobile industry and family farming;

Whereas, David Graham spent his working life on his farm and as a banker and political organizer;

Whereas, After retiring in his sixties, David Graham became involved in the Southwestern Indiana Regional Highway Coalition (SWIRHC) to build a road connecting Evansville and Indianapolis;

Whereas, After a study determined that the project was not economically feasible, David Graham began to look elsewhere for support;

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Whereas, With the help of John D. Caruthers of Shreveport, Louisiana, the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition came to be;

Whereas, At the time of the creation of the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition, James Newland was running the SWIRHC;

Whereas, David Graham recruited James Newland to join the Mid-Continent Highway Coalition where he worked tirelessly for more than a decade advocating, both in Indiana and on a national scale, for the highway; and

Whereas, These two dedicated Hoosiers worked tirelessly for many years trying to improve the lives of Hoosiers by creating a safer, quicker route to Indianapolis: Therefore,

*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly recognizes the
2 dedication of David Graham and James Newland in securing a highway
3 connecting Evansville to Indianapolis by urging the Indiana
4 Department of Transportation to rename two bridges over U.S.
5 Highway 50 in Daviess County east of Washington (I69-14-09515 SB
6 and I69-14-09525 NB) after David Graham and James Newland.
7 SECTION 2. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
8 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to the families of
9 David Graham and James Newland.



COMMITTEE REPORT

Mr. Speaker: Your Committee on Roads and Transportation, to which was referred House Concurrent Resolution 26, has had the same under consideration and begs leave to report the same back to the House with the recommendation that said resolution do pass.

(Reference is to HCR 26 as introduced.)

Committee Vote: Yeas 10, Nays 0

Representative Soliday

