

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. 19**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION urging the Indiana Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing Doans Creek on State Road 45/58 the "Major Emerson Y. Barker Memorial Bridge".

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January 27, 2020, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security and Transportation.



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2 Department of Transportation to name the bridge crossing
3 Doans Creek on State Road 45/58 the "Major Emerson Y.
4 Barker Memorial Bridge".

5 *Whereas, Emerson Y. Barker was born January 17, 1920,*
6 *in Greene County, Indiana;*

7 *Whereas, After graduating from Scotland High School in*
8 *1937, Emerson Y. Barker entered Indiana Central College,*
9 *graduating in 1941 with a double major in History and*
10 *Physical Education;*

11 *Whereas, In 1940, Emerson Y. Barker entered a pilot*
12 *training program under the Civil Aeronautics Authority at Stout*
13 *Field, Indianapolis, Indiana;*

14 *Whereas, Emerson Y. Barker won a scholarship for pilot*
15 *training with the Army Aviation Cadet Class in 1941, and*
16 *graduated from the U.S. Army Air Corps Advanced Flying*
17 *School at Luke Field, Arizona;*

18 *Whereas, Emerson Y. Barker trained at several air bases in*
19 *California, Arizona, Georgia, and finally Orlando Air Base in*
20 *Florida, where he flew P40s, P38s, P47s, and P61s;*

21 *Whereas, Emerson Y. Barker was promoted to major in the*
22 *U.S. Army Air Corps, and became the commanding officer of*
23 *the 419th Night Fighter Squadron;*



1 *Whereas, During World War II, Major Barker was sent to*
2 *Guadalcanal where he flew in the first night raid on Rabaul, a*
3 *Japanese Air Base in the South Pacific, on January 22 and 23,*
4 *1944;*

5 *Whereas, While in flight June 12, 1944, Major Barker's*
6 *airplane exploded over the Pacific Ocean, and Major Barker*
7 *and his airplane were never found;*

8 *Whereas, In recognition of his service, Major Barker was*
9 *awarded the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters for*
10 *meritorious achievement;*

11 *Whereas, On June 13, 2012, Major Barker was recognized*
12 *with full military honors, including a headstone dedicated in his*
13 *memory located at Arlington National Cemetery; and*

14 *Whereas, In honor of his service and dedication to his home*
15 *and country, it is fitting that the State of Indiana recognize*
16 *Major Barker's ultimate sacrifice by naming the bridge*
17 *crossing Doans Creek on State Road 45/58 in Greene County*
18 *in remembrance of Major Barker: Therefore,*

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

22 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly honors
23 Major Emerson Y. Barker for his service and urges the Indiana
24 Department of Transportation to name the State Road 45/58
25 Bridge over Doans Creek, approximately 0.21 miles east of
26 U.S. Route 231 in Greene County, the "Major Emerson Y.
27 Barker Memorial Bridge".

28 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
29 to transmit copies of this Resolution to Mr. Ned Malone and the
30 Commissioner of the Indiana Department of Transportation.

