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H. R. 4926

To require a study and report regarding the construction and designation of a new interstate from Savannah, Georgia to Knoxville, Tennessee.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 22, 2004

Mr. BURNS (for himself, Mr. NORWOOD, Mr. SCOTT of Georgia, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. ROGERS of Alabama, Mr. DUNCAN, Mr. BONNER, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. BARRETT of South Carolina, and Ms. MAJETTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Interstate 3/3rd Infan-
5 try Division Highway Initiation Act of 2004”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDING.**

7 Congress finds the following:

1 (1) Consistent with the original purposes of the
2 Dwight D. Eisenhower National System of Inter-
3 state and Defense Highways there is a need for a di-
4 rect interstate highway link between Fort Gordon,
5 Eisenhower Army Regional Medical Center, the Au-
6 gusta Veterans Administration Hospitals, Fort
7 Stewart, Hunter Army Airfield, and the Port of Sa-
8 vannah which is in the strategic defense interest of
9 the Nation.

10 (2) East Georgia, Western North Carolina, and
11 the Great Smoky Mountains region of Tennessee are
12 underserved by north-south interstate highways, and
13 would benefit economically and through increased
14 public safety by establishment of an interstate high-
15 way extending from Savannah, Georgia, to Knox-
16 ville, Tennessee, following a route generally defined
17 through Sylvania, Waynesboro, Augusta, Lincolnton,
18 Elberton, Hartwell, Toccoa, and Young Harris,
19 Georgia; and Maryville, Tennessee.

20 (3) The United States Army 3rd Infantry Divi-
21 sion of Fort Stewart, Georgia provided the “Tip of
22 the Spear” in the War on Terror in Iraq. This Divi-
23 sion sacrificed their blood and lives so that their fel-
24 low Americans can live in peace and freedom. These
25 soldiers conquered Najaf, seized Saddam Inter-

1 national Airport and Saddam Hussein’s palaces, and
2 led the fighting on the day of Baghdad’s historic lib-
3 eration.

4 (4) A new interstate highway designated
5 “United States Interstate Route 3” should be con-
6 structed on the route described in this section be-
7 tween Savannah, Georgia and Knoxville, Tennessee.

8 (5) This interstate highway should be named
9 the “3rd Infantry Division Highway”, in honor of
10 the professionalism, heroism, and sacrifice of the
11 men and women of the United States Army 3rd In-
12 fantry Division in defending their Nation’s freedom.

13 **SEC. 3. STUDY AND REPORT.**

14 Not later than December 31, 2004, the Secretary of
15 Transportation shall study and report to the appropriate
16 committees of Congress regarding the steps and estimated
17 funding necessary to designate and construct a new inter-
18 state (Interstate Route I–3) for the 3rd Infantry Division
19 6 Highway, from Savannah, Georgia to Knoxville, Ten-
20 nessee 7 (formerly the Savannah River Parkway).

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