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1ST SESSION

S. 459

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

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 18, 2005

Mr. CHAMBLISS (for himself and Mr. ISAKSON) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Environment and Public Works

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.”.

6 SEC. 2. INTERSTATE 3/3RD INFANTRY DIVISION HIGHWAY.

7 (a) FINDINGS.—Congress finds that—

1 state and Defense Highways, a direct interstate
2 highway link between Fort Gordon, Eisenhower
3 Army Regional Medical Center, the Augusta Vet-
4 erns Administration Hospitals, Fort Stewart,
5 Hunter Army Airfield, and the Port of Savannah
6 would be in the strategic defense interest of the
7 United States;

8 (2) eastern Georgia, western North Carolina,
9 and the Great Smoky Mountains region of Ten-
10 nessee are underserved by north-south interstate
11 highways, and would benefit economically and
12 through increased public safety by establishment of
13 an interstate highway extending from Savannah,
14 Georgia to Knoxville, Tennessee, following a route
15 generally defined through Sylvania, Waynesboro, Au-
16 gusta, Lincolnton, Elberton, Hartwell, Toccoa, and
17 Young Harris, Georgia, and Maryville, Tennessee;

18 (3) the United States Army 3rd Infantry Divi-
19 sion of Fort Stewart, Georgia, provided the “Tip of
20 the Spear” in the War on Terror in Iraq;

21 (4) the soldiers of that Division sacrificed their
22 blood and lives so that their fellow Americans may
23 live in peace and freedom;

4 (6) those soldiers led the fighting on the day of
5 Baghdad's historic liberation.

6 (b) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
7 gress that—

19 (c) STUDY AND REPORT.—Not later than December
20 31, 2005, the Secretary of Transportation shall study and
21 submit to the appropriate committees of Congress a report
22 on the steps and estimated funding necessary to designate
23 and construct a new interstate route for the 3rd Infantry
24 Division Highway, from Savannah, Georgia and Knoxville,

- 1 Tennessee (formerly the Savannah River Parkway in the
- 2 State of Georgia), as described in subsection (b).

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