

1 WHEREAS, Captain Joseph Laur was promoted to Captain on
2 June 10, 1862 and thus earned the nickname "Cap"; he fought at
3 the battles of Fort Donelson, Shiloh, Corinth, the Red River
4 expedition, and the siege of Vicksburg; he was injured in
5 combat and discharged in September of 1865; and

6 WHEREAS, Captain Joseph Laur was awarded the contract on
7 Star Route 11799 and served each post office from Ashley to
8 Moore's Prairie; and

9 WHEREAS, Captain Joseph Laur died on June 8, 1895; during
10 his time, Williamsburg became Old Town and was superseded by
11 Waltonville; and

12 WHEREAS, Captain Joseph Laur's service to the United
13 States and the State of Illinois has greatly benefited the
14 surrounding communities; therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF
17 REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate the Big
18 Muddy Bridge east of Waltonville on IL Route 148 as the
19 "Captain Joseph Laur Memorial Bridge"; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
21 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with

1 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
2 giving notice of the name "Captain Joseph Laur Memorial
3 Bridge"; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 presented to the Secretary of the Department of
6 Transportation, the Mayor of Waltonville, and the family of
7 Captain Joseph Laur.