

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-09

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF DEFUNIAK SPRINGS
FLORIDA DESIGNATING A PORTION OF U.S. HWY 90 (STATE
ROAD 10) FROM STATE HIGHWAY 83 TO THE WESTERN
BORDER OF THE CURRENT CITY LIMIT BOUNDARY AS LT.
EWART T SCONIERS HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, The United States Armed Forces have played a prominent role in the history of northwest Florida for more than 65 years;

WHEREAS, all four branches of the United States Armed Forces—The Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marines, have a significant presence and mission in our local area;

WHEREAS, the DeFuniak Springs city council and residents are proud and grateful for the service of men and women of all branches of the service, both past and present;

WHEREAS, the DeFuniak Springs City Council recognizes the heroism of Lt. Ewart Sconiers who served in the U.S. Army Air Corp in World War II.

WHEREAS, Lt. Sconiers, a bombardier, not a pilot, who took control of a B-17 "Flying Fortress" after the pilot was severely injured and co-pilot was killed in an air attack with German forces;

WHEREAS, Lt. Sconiers managed to fly the crippled B-17 back to England, saving the lives of everyone on board, except for the co-pilot, who was killed in the initial attack;

WHEREAS, Lt. Sconiers along with the wounded pilot were subsequently awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, which is the second-highest honor that can be awarded to U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force (and formerly U.S. Army Air Corps) members. The cross has been awarded to service members who display extreme gallantry and risk of life in actual combat with an armed enemy force;

WHEREAS, the location of Lt. Sconiers' remains was unknown to U.S. Forces for over 70 years and were only recently discovered, confirmed and returned to his hometown of DeFuniak Springs, Florida. This newsworthy event was celebrated by military and civilian officials and residents throughout northwest Florida;

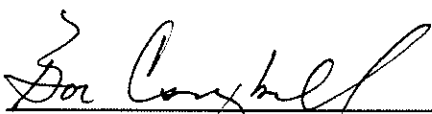
WHEREAS, the DeFuniak Springs City Council does hereby support the efforts of Florida Representative Brad Drake and Florida Senator George Gainer to have a section of U.S. Hwy. 90/State Road 10 between State Hwy. 83/N 9th Street and State Hwy. 285, designated in honor of Lt. Ewart Sconiers for his incredible heroism and for displaying qualities that are in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the DeFuniak Springs City Council hereby request a suitable marker be erected by the Florida Department of Transportation designating U. S. Hwy. 90 between State Hwy. 83 and the western city limit jurisdiction boundary as "Lieutenant Ewart T. Sconiers Highway" effective July 1, 2018.


Duly passed and adopted by the DeFuniak Springs City Council on this 9th day of April, 2018.

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, FLORIDA

ATTEST:



Mayor Robert "Bob" Campbell



City Clerk Loretta A. Laird

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