

APPROVED  
BY ORANGE COUNTY BOARD  
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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RESOLUTION NO. 2004-M-29

**A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN SUPPORT OF THE DESIGNATION OF A PORTION OF INTERSTATE 4 FROM STATE ROAD 50 IN ORANGE COUNTY TO STATE ROAD 436 IN SEMINOLE COUNTY AS THE "CORPORAL LARRY E. SMEDLEY MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY" AND THE PLACEMENT OF APPROPRIATE MARKERS BY THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.**

**WHEREAS**, Larry Eugene Smedley entered service at Orlando, Florida;  
and

**WHEREAS**, Corporal Larry E. Smedley served in the U.S. Marine Corps, Company D, 1st Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division; and

**WHEREAS**, on the evening of December 21, 1967, after observing clear evidence of an impending attack from the enemy on the Danang complex, Cpl. Smedley led a six-man squad to an ambush site at the mouth of Happy Valley, near Phouc Ninh (2) in Quang Nam Province, where they engaged in heavy combat; and

**WHEREAS**, disregarding several serious injuries, Cpl. Smedley valiantly and fearlessly led a charge against the enemy machinegun emplacement. Gravely wounded and weak from loss of blood, he continued a one-man assault against the enemy position, until he was mortally wounded. Despite his numerous and grave injuries, Cpl. Smedley succeeded in destroying the machinegun and saving the lives of many. At the age of 18, he gallantly gave his life for his country; and

**WHEREAS**, Cpl. Smedley was posthumously awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor for his gallantry and heroic actions at the risk of his life, above and beyond the call of duty, and is buried at Arlington National Cemetery; and

**WHEREAS** subsection (3) of section 334.071 Florida Statutes states that "Erection of markers shall be contingent on the appropriate city or county commission passing a resolution in support of the particular honorary designation. If the bridge or road segment being designated is located in more than one city or county, resolutions supporting the designation must be passed by each affected local government prior to the erection of the markers."

**NOW, THEREFORE,** Be It Resolved by the Board of County Commissioners of Orange County, Florida, that:

**Section 1.** The portion of Interstate 4 in Orange County from the north end of Orange County at State Road 50 to State Road 436 in Seminole County be designated as the "Corporal Larry Smedley, USMC, Medal of Honor Memorial Highway."


**Section 2.** The Florida Department of Transportation is encouraged to erect suitable markers for said designation.

**Section 3.** This Resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

**Section 4.** A copy of this resolution shall be delivered to Dr. Neil R. Euliano, President of the Central Florida Veterans, Inc.

ADOPTED THIS 10<sup>th</sup> DAY OF August, 2004.

**ORANGE COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Richard T. Crotty  
Orange County Chairman

ATTEST: Martha O. Haynie, County Comptroller  
As Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners

By:   
Deputy Clerk

