

## Senate Resolution 785

By: Senators Brown of the 26th and Cable of the 27th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the William S. Hutchings Bridge at the Interstate 75 South and SR 74  
2 interchange in Macon; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William S. "Bill" Hutchings was a pillar of the Macon community, whose  
4 influence touched numerous aspects of community life from education to business; and

5 WHEREAS, he owned and managed one of the oldest black businesses in Bibb County, and  
6 he served many years on the Bibb County Board of Education; and

7 WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and afterwards graduated from  
8 Lincoln University and Atlanta College of Mortuary Science; and

9 WHEREAS, he was the first African American to be elected county-wide in Bibb County  
10 since Reconstruction, the first African American to be appointed to the Georgia State Board  
11 of Funeral Services, and the first African American to serve as president of such board; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchings passed from this life on December 8, 2000, and it is only fitting  
13 and proper that his memory be honored by the General Assembly.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the bridge  
15 at the Interstate 75 South and SR 74 interchange in Macon is designated the William S.  
16 Hutchings Bridge, and the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect  
17 and maintain signs so identifying the bridge.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
19 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and the  
20 family of William S. Hutchings.