

Senate Resolution 695

By: Senators Hill of the 4th and Starr of the 44th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Designating the Norman W. Fries Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Norman Warren Fries was a prominent businessman, civic leader, and generous  
3 philanthropist in Claxton, Georgia, where he was the largest employer in Evans County and  
4 positively influenced the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, he was a native of Chatham County who, after serving in the US Navy during  
6 World War II and attending Duke University, entered the poultry business in 1949, having  
7 worked for his father, T.W. Fries, owner of Fries Poultry in Savannah's old City Market; and

8 WHEREAS, as an entrepreneur he invested his talent and industry and created Claxton  
9 Poultry which formed the core of the local economy and today remains one of the last  
10 family-owned broiler production companies in the United States; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a major figure in the state and national poultry industry, having served  
12 as past president of the Georgia Poultry Processors, past director of the Georgia Egg  
13 Association and Georgia Poultry Improvement Association, and past chairman of the Poultry  
14 Marketing Advisory Committee for the Georgia Department of Agriculture; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1999 he received the Poultry Industry Lifetime Achievement Award from  
16 the National Poultry Food and Distributors Association; Georgia Southern University named  
17 their Distinguished Lectureship Series in his honor; and he currently served as the director  
18 of the National Chicken Council.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
20 GEORGIA that U.S. Highway 301 in the corporate limits of the City of Claxton is designated  
21 the Norman W. Fries Memorial Highway.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
2 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers or signs designating the Norman W. Fries  
3 Memorial Highway.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
5 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Norman W. Fries and to  
6 the commissioner of transportation.