

Senate Resolution 190

By: Senator Hill of the 4<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Jesse O. Kennedy, Jr., Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jesse O. Kennedy, Jr., was one of Georgia's distinguished veterans of World  
3 War II who received the prestigious Purple Heart in recognition of his military valor; and

4 WHEREAS, he was a native of Tattnall County, born on February 9, 1923, to Lota Nell  
5 Southwell and Jesse O. Kennedy, Sr., and he attended Reidsville High School and Abraham  
6 Baldwin Agriculture College, enlisted in the U.S. Naval Reserve on July 7, 1942, and was  
7 appointed an Ensign, A-V(N) on August 3, 1943; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a U.S. Navy Fighter Pilot aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS Chenango,  
9 and tragically died from enemy action in the Asiatic area on October 19, 1944; and

10 WHEREAS, Ensign Kennedy was a young man of vitality and great promise, and his love  
11 of country, dedication to his military career, and dauntless courage exemplified the highest  
12 standards of the American soldier, and his noble efforts merit proper honor and tribute.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 GEORGIA that the bridge over Brazell Creek on U.S. Highway 280 West outside the city  
15 limits of Reidsville, Georgia, in Tattnall County, is designated the Jesse O. Kennedy, Jr.,  
16 Memorial Bridge.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
18 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at locations designating the bridge.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Jesse O. Kennedy, Jr., and  
21 to the commissioner of transportation.