

House Resolution 454 (AM)

By: Representative Jenkins of the 110th

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Marvin O. Bowdoin and designating the Marvin O. Bowdoin Intersection;
2 designating the Jim Tysinger Interchange; designating the Betty Jo Williams Interchange;
3 and for other purposes.

4 **PART I**

5 WHEREAS, Marvin O. Bowdoin has long been recognized by the citizens of Juliette and
6 Monroe County for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
7 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
10 dramatically by his many years of superlative service as owner and operator of a restaurant,
11 grocery store, and service station; and

12 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
13 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
14 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

15 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
16 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
18 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend Marvin O. Bowdoin for his many years
21 of efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of his community
22 and state and extend to him their most sincere best wishes for continued health and
23 happiness.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intersection of State Route 87 and Juliette Road in
2 the City of Juliette in Monroe County be designated the Marvin O. Bowdoin Intersection.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
4 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the Marvin O. Bowdoin
5 Intersection.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Marvin O. Bowdoin.

8 **PART II**

9 WHEREAS, Honorable Jim Tysinger served for 30 years as a distinguished member of the
10 Georgia Senate; and

11 WHEREAS, this native son of Greensboro, North Carolina, earned a bachelor's degree in
12 electrical engineering and a master's degree in industrial management from Georgia Tech;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor and distinction as a member of the United
15 States army during World War II, saw active duty at Guadalcanal, New Guinea, Leyte, and
16 Luzon, and was honorably retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Tysinger is a registered engineer who is retired from Westinghouse Electric
18 Corporation; and

19 WHEREAS, he served on the Appropriations, Higher Education, and Insurance and Labor
20 committees, and chaired the Science, Technology and Industry Committee, the first
21 republican to chair a committee in the Senate; and

22 WHEREAS, he is former chairperson of the Geo. L. Smith II Georgia World Congress
23 Center Authority Overview Committee and served on the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit
24 Overview Committee and on the board of ethics of MARTA; and

25 WHEREAS, his expertise in science and technology matters led to his appointment to the
26 Georgia Council on Energy Resources; the Science, Energy and Environmental Resources
27 and the Energy committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures; the Energy

1 Committee of the Southern Legislative Conference; the Governor's Advisory Council on
2 Science and Technology; and the Georgia Tech Research Institute; and

3 WHEREAS, he is the founder and still moderator of the Jim Tysinger DeKalb Breakfast
4 Club, the longest continuing forum for political affairs in Metro Atlanta; and

5 WHEREAS, he and his lovely wife, Loretta, have five children and five grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
7 talents, and energy to the civic, religious, and charitable concerns of his community, as
8 evidenced by his active involvement in the North DeKalb Kiwanis Club, the Atlanta Union
9 Mission, the Erskine College Board of Trustees, as well as the Doraville Presbyterian Church
10 where he has served as an elder and taught Sunday school for over 20 years; and

11 WHEREAS, his knowledge of science, legislative experience, and keen understanding of
12 governmental problems made him one of the most influential members of the General
13 Assembly; and

14 WHEREAS, he has given much time and energy in helping others, and his love for the
15 people of his community is second only to his love and dedication to his family. It is only
16 fitting and proper that Mr. Tysinger be recognized by having a landmark bridge and
17 intersection in DeKalb County named in his honor.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 GEORGIA that the intersection of Ashford Dunwoody Road and Interstate 285 and the
20 bridge over the interstate at such location are designated the Jim Tysinger Interchange.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such interchange.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Honorable Jim Tysinger and
25 the Department of Transportation.

26 **PART III**

27 WHEREAS, Honorable Betty Jo Williams served for 20 years as a distinguished member of
28 the Georgia House of Representatives; and

1 WHEREAS, she authored legislation which exempted DeKalb residents 70 years of age or
2 older from school property taxes and was instrumental in having the "Taxpayer's Right to
3 Know" legislation (referred to as the Betty Jo Williams bill) passed, which mandates that the
4 DeKalb County Board of Commissioners publish the tax digest when the tax digest increases
5 and the millage rate is not reduced; and

6 WHEREAS, she secured funding to build Rehoboth School Park and to build a home for
7 outstanding young adults with special needs; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams was the original author of legislation to give equal opportunities
9 for female athletes in Georgia which led to passage of the "Equity in Sports Act"; and

10 WHEREAS, she served on the Appropriations, Rules, Industry, Insurance, and State
11 Institutions and Property committees, and chaired a standing subcommittee of the Industry
12 Committee, the first Republican to chair a standing subcommittee of a House committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Ms. Williams served on the Tourism and Economic Development Committee
14 of the National Conference of State Legislatures and was appointed by President Reagan to
15 serve as chair of the Southeastern Advisory Committee to the National Park System; and

16 Whereas, she is the only Republican woman ever elected from DeKalb County and she was
17 honored for her legislative accomplishments by the Medical Association of Georgia, Georgia
18 Council on Aging, National Rifle Association, DeKalb Art Council, and DeKalb Historical
19 Society; and

20 WHEREAS, her legislative experience and keen understanding of governmental problems
21 made her one of the most influential members of the General Assembly; and

22 WHEREAS, she has given much time and energy in helping the citizens of DeKalb County
23 and it is only fitting and proper that Ms. Williams be recognized by having a landmark bridge
24 and intersection in DeKalb County named in her honor.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 GEORGIA that the intersection of La Vista Road and Interstate 285 and the bridge over the
27 interstate at such location are designated the Betty Jo Williams Interchange.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
2 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such interchange.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Honorable Betty Jo Williams
5 and the Department of Transportation.