

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Dr. Jimmy W. Waters Interchange; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Dr. James W. Waters is an ordained minister with over 50 years of dedicated service to the Bibb County community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waters came to Mabel White Memorial Baptist Church in Macon in 1945 as a freshman at Mercer University; and

WHEREAS, he pastored the church for 31 years and retired from the active pastorate in January of 1977; and

WHEREAS, his ministry was extended through the media, radio, television, and evangelism and under his leadership Mabel White Memorial Baptist Church began broadcasting his Victory Hour radio program worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waters served as president of the Georgia Baptist Convention from 1974 to 1976 and twice served as that organization's vice president; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waters serves as chaplain for the Department of Public Safety, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Macon Police Department, the Macon-Bibb County Fire Department, the Bibb County Sheriff's office, and is the lifetime chaplain of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he also holds the rank of captain on the Georgia State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Waters currently serves as president of Jimmy Waters Ministries, a nonprofit religious organization whose sole purpose is proclaiming Christ throughout the world.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
 2 GEORGIA that this body honors and commends Dr. James W. Waters, an outstanding citizen
 3 and extraordinary leader who has given many years of faithful and dedicated service to Bibb
 4 County and to the State of Georgia.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the highway interchange at I-75 and Bass Road in Bibb
 6 County is redesignated the Dr. Jimmy W. Waters Interchange.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
 8 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so designating the interchange.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
 10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dr. James W. Waters.