

Senate Resolution 183

By: Senator Smith of the 25th

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the "Baldwin Veterans Memorial Highway;" designating the Dillard Bluegrass
2 & Barbeque Festival in Dillard, in Rabun County, as the annual "Kansas City Barbeque
3 Society Georgia State Championship;" and for other purposes.

4 PART I.

5 WHEREAS, Baldwin County and the state are proud of the service that the sons and
6 daughters of Baldwin County have provided in defense of this nation, some of whom made
7 the ultimate sacrifice that residents of Baldwin County and Georgia might enjoy the
8 freedoms available to citizens of this great country; and

9 WHEREAS, State Route 112 in Baldwin County provides access to the Georgia War
10 Veterans Home and to the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery, and it is fitting and proper
11 that this highway honor the veterans of Baldwin County.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the
13 members of this body designate that portion of State Highway 112 which lies within Baldwin
14 County as "Baldwin Veterans Memorial Highway" in honor of our gallant soldiers.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
16 directed to erect and maintain signs designating such highway.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the governing authority of Baldwin
19 County and the Department of Transportation.

20 PART II.

21 WHEREAS, the Dillard Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival is sanctioned by the board of
22 directors of the Kansas City Barbeque Society; this prestigious recognition elevates the
23 Dillard cooking event to a select group of contests held throughout the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, each year barbeque cooking teams must earn points in order to compete at the
2 American Royal World Championship held in Kansas City, Missouri, meaning that the
3 Dillard Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival annually hosts a large number of teams and judges
4 from across the United States, and that Dillard, in Rabun County, is the showcase for this
5 event; and

6 WHEREAS, the Dillard Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival annually attracts thousands of
7 people, has gained national and international attention, and provides excellent publicity for
8 Dillard, Rabun County, and the State of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, in addition to the barbeque cookoff contest, the family oriented festival held in
10 Dillard annually on the first Saturday in August offers world class bluegrass music, arts and
11 crafts, a variety of events and entertainment, and great family fun for all ages; and

12 WHEREAS, the Dillard Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival has been designated by Governor
13 Roy Barnes as the "Kansas City Barbeque Society Georgia State Championship" in 1999 and
14 in 2000, and such designation as a state championship event permits the Grand Champion
15 of the Dillard barbeque cookoff contest to receive automatically an invitation to the
16 American Royal World Championship at Kansas City, Missouri, and qualifies for the Jack
17 Daniel's National Invitational Barbecue Competition at Lynchburg, Tennessee, without
18 affecting the status of any other championship event currently held in Georgia.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 GEORGIA that the Dillard Bluegrass & Barbeque Festival in Dillard, in Rabun County, is
21 hereby designated as the annual "Kansas City Barbeque Society Georgia State
22 Championship."