

House Resolution 29

By: Representatives Millar of the 52nd, Joyce of the 2nd, Chambers of the 53rd, Bannister of the 70th, Post 1, O`Neal of the 117th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Expressing regret at the passing of the Honorable J. Max Davis and designating the J. Max
2 Davis Interchange; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2002, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
4 distinguished citizens with the tragic passing of the Honorable J. Max Davis; and

5 WHEREAS, he served with unparalleled ability as a member of the House of Representatives
6 for 22 years; and

7 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant faithfully represented the citizens of
8 DeKalb County with great distinction, dedication, and ability; and

9 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this
10 deliberative body and his integrity and reliability rightfully earned him the honor, respect,
11 and trust of his colleagues over the years and were recognized by the leadership of this body
12 and properly reflected in his committee responsibilities which included serving as a member
13 of the House Committee on Game, Fish, and Parks, the House Committee on Judiciary, and
14 the House Committee on Rules; and

15 WHEREAS, in his legislative committee assignments, he consistently demonstrated a solid
16 commitment to the careful study of sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly
17 developed a reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by
18 the rules of honesty and fair play; and

19 WHEREAS, he exhibited the level of political activism and unselfish leadership ideally
20 expected of public trustees in an effective, representative democracy, and his stewardship in
21 the House was marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

22 WHEREAS, he was the ultimate conservative who remained true to his principles; and

1 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex
2 social and political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes and build
3 coalitions and consensus, received the approval and applause of his peers who held him in
4 such high regard; and

5 WHEREAS, his foresight and forthright determination brought unparalleled progress and a
6 sense of destiny to the citizens of his district and the State of Georgia and it is abundantly
7 fitting and proper that the members of this body pay appropriate tribute to one of their finest
8 and most distinguished colleagues.

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
10 the members of this body express their deepest and most sincere regret at the passing of the
11 Honorable J. Max Davis and express its profound gratitude and appreciation for his personal
12 and political influence in supporting legislation which has substantially improved the quality
13 of life for our citizens and contributed to Georgia's leadership role in the South and extend
14 to his family their sincerest condolences.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of his outstanding public service that the
16 interchange at Interstate 285 and Chamblee Dunwoody Road is designated the J. Max Davis
17 Interchange.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
19 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the J. Max Davis Interchange.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
21 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of the Honorable
22 J. Max Davis.