

House Resolution 104

By: Representatives Howard of the 98th, Coleman of the 118th, Murphy of the 97th, Warren of the 99th, Childers of the 13th, Post 1, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Honorable Jack Connell and designating the Jack Connell
2 Parkway; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Jack Connell, our distinguished former colleague and dear friend,
4 served the State of Georgia and its citizens with the utmost dedication and ability as a
5 member of the Georgia House of Representatives from 1969 to 2002; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Connell served as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of
7 Representatives for 26 consecutive years, making him the longest serving Speaker Pro
8 Tempore in the history of Georgia and the United States; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Augusta, Georgia, and a veteran of World War II, he is admired and
10 respected as a consummate Southern gentleman, a pillar of the Augusta community, a
11 prominent businessman, and a devoted leader in the government, religious, and political
12 organizations in his community; and

13 WHEREAS, he was integral in the establishment of the Georgia Radiation Therapy Center,
14 which treats over 120 patients a day, and the Children's Medical Center located at the
15 Medical College of Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, in addition to his many accomplishments benefiting the medical community,
17 Representative Connell was very effective in bringing growth and development to the City
18 of Augusta's infrastructure; and

19 WHEREAS, he was solely responsible for obtaining \$50 million for the design and
20 construction of the Riverwatch Parkway; and

21 WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his wife, the former Nanette Jean Anderson, and
22 takes great delight in four children and six grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, his efforts brought unparalleled progress to the citizens of his district and the
2 State of Georgia, and it is abundantly fitting that the members of this body, who regard him
3 with much admiration and respect, pay tribute to one of their finest colleagues for the many
4 years of distinguished service he rendered.

5 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the
6 members of this body recognize and commend Honorable Jack Connell for his exemplary
7 public service and convey to him their wholehearted respect and best wishes forever.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Riverwatch Parkway in Augusta, Georgia, is hereby
9 designated as the Jack Connell Parkway.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
11 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so designating said parkway.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Jack Connell.