

Senate Resolution 171

By: Senators Clay of the 37th, Collins of the 6th and Tanksley of the 32nd

**AS PASSED**

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the historic Dixie Highway; designating Interstate Route 95 within Georgia as  
2 a part of the national Purple Heart Trail; and for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia contains countless historical sites and geographical regions  
5 which are rich in educational and recreational features; and

6 WHEREAS, regions in rural northwest Georgia and northern metro Atlanta may contain  
7 many features which reach back to Georgia's diverse and fascinating heritage, including the  
8 unique architecture and development along this historic highway; and

9 WHEREAS, it is important in preserving representations of this past, and in promoting future  
10 financial well-being and growth, that these sites and regions be identified, marketed,  
11 promoted, and managed; and

12 WHEREAS, the designation of the Dixie Highway is a vital and appropriate beginning to this  
13 process.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
15 GEORGIA that the following public roads and highways are designated as the Dixie  
16 Highway:

17 1-75 (south) to the Ringgold exit; then

18 Ga. 2 (east) to U.S. 41 south; then

19 The Second Old Chattanooga Rd/Thornton Ave. in Dalton; then

20 Back on U.S. 41 (south) to Cassville Rd. in Cartersville; then

21 Cross U.S. 41 to Ga. 293 (south); then

22 Ga. 293 becomes Old Highway 41 to Kennesaw Ave.; then

23 Kennesaw Ave. to Ga. 5 (south) and the trail ends in Marietta on Mill Street.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
2 directed to work with the affected county and municipal governing authorities and the Dixie  
3 Highway Association in efforts to promote the Dixie Highway with the placement and  
4 maintenance of appropriate markers along the roadway through funds provided by private  
5 and public organizations, county or municipal funds, funds of the Department of  
6 Transportation or any combination thereof.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the placement of markers will be at the location and  
8 under the direction of the Department of Transportation with appropriate input from the  
9 appropriate county and municipal governing authority and the Dixie Highway Association.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of Transportation.

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## PART II

13 Designating Interstate Route 95 within Georgia as a part of the national Purple Heart Trail  
14 in honor of recipients of the Purple Heart Medal; and for other purposes.

15 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart Medal was established by General George Washington on  
16 August 7, 1782, to honor military personnel wounded in combat; and

17 WHEREAS, the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA is coordinating a national  
18 effort to establish the Purple Heart Trail consisting of major interstate highways and  
19 roadways leading to patriotic sites; and

20 WHEREAS, our state and nation owe a deep debt of gratitude to those members of our  
21 Armed Forces who have been wounded in combat and honored with the Purple Heart Medal.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 GEORGIA that Interstate Route 95 within the State of Georgia is designated as a part of the  
24 national Purple Heart Trail and the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed  
25 to place and maintain appropriate markers so designating said highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the National Purple Heart  
28 Trail Coordinator of the Military Order of the Purple Heart of the USA.