

Senate Resolution 67

By: Senators Brown of the 26th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Harp of the 16th

AS PASSED

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Thelma "T-Lady" Ross Bridge at the Interstate 75 South and U.S. 80
2 interchange in Macon; commending the Military Veterans of Banks County and designating
3 the Veterans Memorial Highway; Designating the Dean Bryant Intersection; and for other
4 purposes.

5 **PART I**

6 WHEREAS, Thelma Daniels Ross, known affectionately as "T-Lady," served Mercer
7 University for 52 years until she passed from this life on August 12, 2001; and

8 WHEREAS, with her passing, Mercer has lost one of its truly great treasures whose name
9 became synonymous with that of the university; and

10 WHEREAS, whether she was working in the dining hall or the snack bar which she
11 ultimately managed, she gave unselfishly to the university and the students she loved; and

12 WHEREAS, she was a strong proponent of scholarship and academic achievement, and she
13 stressed the importance of education to all students she encountered; and

14 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that her memory be honored by the General
15 Assembly.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that the bridge at the Interstate 75 South and U.S. 80 interchange in Macon is
18 designated the Thelma "T-Lady" Ross Bridge, and the Department of Transportation is
19 authorized and directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the bridge.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and the
22 family of Thelma Daniels Ross.

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PART II

2 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
3 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
4 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

5 WHEREAS, many residents of Banks County have diligently and conscientiously served
6 their country with honor and distinction as members of the United States armed forces; and

7 WHEREAS, their fortitude, bravery, and courage stand as a shining tribute to the strength
8 of human spirit and willpower, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
9 accomplishments of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized
10 appropriately.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 GEORGIA that the members of this body commend the Military Veterans of Banks County
13 for their efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the citizens of their
14 country and state and extend to them their most profound and sincere appreciation for all
15 members of the United States military who stand ever ready to lay the ultimate sacrifice upon
16 the altar of freedom.

17 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the Highway 441
18 bypass around the City of Homer be designated the Veterans Memorial Highway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
20 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the Veterans Memorial
21 Highway.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Banks County American Legion Post
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PART III

26 WHEREAS, Dean Bryant was born in Lumpkin County, Georgia, on February 9, 1933, and
27 has lived all of his life very near the intersection of Highway 115 and Highway 52 in that
28 county; and

1 WHEREAS, he attended school in Lumpkin County where he participated in many activities,
2 including basketball; and

3 WHEREAS, he was called to be a minister in the Baptist Church in 1950 and has been a
4 faithful pastor of 16 Baptist churches across northeast Georgia for the past 52 years; and

5 WHEREAS, "Preacher" Dean Bryant has faithfully visited the sick on a daily basis for many
6 years in their homes and in the area hospitals; and

7 WHEREAS, he married the former Barbara Manly and they raised three children in Lumpkin
8 County in a home near the intersection of Highway 115 and Highway 52; and

9 WHEREAS, in fact, there have been very few days during his lifetime that Dean Bryant has
10 not traveled through this intersection; and

11 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this highway intersection be named for Dean Bryant
12 in whose life it has figured so prominently and who has distinguished himself in kindness to
13 his neighbors in Lumpkin County.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that the intersection of Highway 115 and Highway 52 in Lumpkin County, east
16 of Dahlonega, Georgia, is designated the Dean Bryant Intersection.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
18 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such intersection.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
20 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Dean Bryant and the Department of
21 Transportation.