

Senate Resolution 596

By: Senator Smith of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mrs. Rosa Proctor and designating the Pettigrew Road Bridge in Milledgeville,
2 Georgia, the Rosa Proctor Bridge; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, when Rosa Proctor and her late husband Cary Proctor began looking for a place
4 to build their first home in 1935 in Milledgeville, Georgia, they settled on a 40 acre lot in
5 what became the Pettigrew Road area; and

6 WHEREAS, after building the house, the Proctors set out to get a road for the area, which
7 they accomplished by donating to the county the strip of land which they owned where the
8 road was to be; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1939, a much needed bridge was built in the Pettigrew Road area to connect
10 Georgia 49 to Georgia 22, which greatly improved traveling conditions for the residents in
11 the area; and

12 WHEREAS, the wooden bridge, known as "Little Fishing Bridge," was made possible by
13 another donation of their land by Cary and Rosa Proctor; and

14 WHEREAS, over the ensuing 60 years, the wooden bridge had been worn out numerous
15 times due to rain and traffic and its frequent closings had been a source of frustration for
16 residents, including Mrs. Proctor, for many years; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2002, construction began on a \$670,000.00 concrete bridge funded by the
18 Federal Highway Bridge Safety Program; and

19 WHEREAS, in order to get the right of way for the bridge, the county had to obtain land
20 from five homeowners in the area, and like she and her husband had done twice before, Mrs.
21 Proctor readily donated half an acre, free of charge; and

1 WHEREAS, the Pettigrew Road Bridge formally opened on July 1, 2003, with 91 year-old
2 Rosa Proctor as an honored guest.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that in
4 appreciation of her consistent generosity, foresight, and dedication to the public good, the
5 Pettigrew Road Bridge in Milledgeville, Georgia, is hereby designated the Rosa Proctor
6 Bridge.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
8 directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the bridge.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to
11 Mrs. Rosa Proctor.