

1 The Senate offered the following amendment:

2 Amend the House Amendment (AM 21 2226) to SR 66 as follows:

3 By striking line 2 of page 1 through line 3 of page 2 and inserting in lieu thereof the
4 following:

5 "Amend SR 66 by striking lines 1 through 20 of page 1 and inserting in lieu thereof the
6 following:

7 'Designating certain portions of the state highway system; repealing part of a certain
8 resolution naming a portion of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

9 PART I

10 Part I of a Resolution Designating the Thelma "T-Lady" Ross Bridge at the Interstate 75
11 South and U.S. 80 interchange in Macon, approved June 4, 2003 (Ga. L. 2003, p. 934), is
12 hereby repealed.

13 PART II

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

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

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

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

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

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the bridge at the Interstate 75 South and SR 74 interchange in Macon is
3 designated the Thelma "T-Lady" Ross Bridge, and the Department of Transportation is
4 authorized and directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the bridge.

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

8 PART III

9 WHEREAS, William S. "Bill" Hutchings was a pillar of the Macon community, whose
10 influence touched numerous aspects of community life from education to business; and

11 WHEREAS, he owned and managed one of the oldest black businesses in Bibb County, and
12 he served many years on the Bibb County Board of Education; and

13 WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Army during World War II and afterwards graduated from
14 Lincoln University and Atlanta College of Mortuary Science; and

15 WHEREAS, he was the first African American to be elected county-wide in Bibb County
16 since Reconstruction, the first African American to be appointed to the Georgia State Board
17 of Funeral Services, and the first African American to serve as president of such board; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchings passed from this life on December 8, 2000, and it is only fitting
19 and proper that his memory be honored by the General Assembly.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
21 GEORGIA that the bridge at the Interstate 75 South and U.S. 80 interchange in Macon is
22 designated the William S. Hutchings Bridge, and the Department of Transportation is
23 authorized and directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
25 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and the
26 family of William S. Hutchings.

PART IV

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2 WHEREAS, Judge Jim Weeks is an outstanding and distinguished Georgian and resident of
3 DeKalb County who has resided in the state for 43 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Jim Weeks has served as an exemplary judge for over 20 years, as a
5 superior court judge for the Stone Mountain Judicial Circuit from 1982-2000 and as a senior
6 judge for the State of Georgia since 2000; and

7 WHEREAS, he has many ties to the DeKalb and Atlanta areas and, since receiving his LLB
8 from Emory University in 1961 and his law degree from Emory University in 1970, he has
9 worked in private practice in Atlanta and Decatur for 21 years, served as the County Attorney
10 for DeKalb County, Special Assistant Attorney General, and Assistant City Attorney for the
11 City of Atlanta; and

12 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the numerous contributions and achievements of this
13 exceptional Georgian be appropriately recognized.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that the intersection of LaVista Road, State Route 236, and Oak Grove Road in
16 DeKalb County is designated the Judge Jim Weeks Intersection.

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

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Judge Jim Weeks and the
21 Department of Transportation."