

House Resolution 1314

By: Representatives Barnes of the 84th, Post 2, Harbin of the 80th, Dodson of the 84th, Post 1, Coleman of the 118th, and Lunsford of the 85th, Post 2

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Bruton Smith Parkway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, growing up on a modest farm near Oakboro, North Carolina, Bruton Smith
3 parlayed his love for building things into a business empire, focusing on the motorsports and
4 automotive industries; and

5 WHEREAS, Bruton Smith founded Speedway Motorsports, Inc., by consolidating his
6 motorsports holdings in December, 1994, and in February, 1995, he made it the first
7 motorsports company to trade on the New York Stock Exchange; and

8 WHEREAS, Speedway Motorsports owns and operates six premier motorsports facilities,
9 including the Atlanta Motor Speedway; provides event food, beverage, and souvenir
10 merchandising services through its Finish Line Events subsidiary; and manufactures and
11 distributes smaller-scale, modified racing cars through its 600 Racing subsidiary; and

12 WHEREAS, Bruton Smith is a very active philanthropist who founded the Speedway
13 Children's Charities in 1984, has raised more than \$5 million for his causes, and received the
14 prestigious NASCAR Award of Excellence in 1997 in recognition of his efforts on behalf of
15 Speedway Children's Charities; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the many achievements,
17 accomplishments, and contributions of Bruton Smith in Henry County and in the State of
18 Georgia be appropriately recognized.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 GEORGIA that the portion of State Highway 20 from I-75 to the Atlanta Motor Speedway
21 be designated as the Bruton Smith Parkway, and the Department of Transportation is
22 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the Bruton
23 Smith Parkway.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
3 Transportation and to Bruton Smith.