

House Resolution 1365

By: Representatives Smith of the 129th, Post 2, Mosley of the 129th, Post 1, and Boggs of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the James Virgil Johnson Bridge as the honorary name of the Sweat Cemetery
2 Bridge on County Road 124 in Bacon County, Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, James Virgil Johnson was well known in Bacon County, Georgia, where he was
4 born and reared, and he served his country with valor during the Korean Conflict; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born on October 17, 1931, the only son of Della and Lee Johnson and
6 a special brother to three sisters, Vassie, Vera, and Vertie Lee; and he graduated from
7 Nicholls High School and entered the U.S. Army on June 21, 1950; and

8 WHEREAS, he served in Company F, 5th Cavalry Regiment, the first unit sent to Korea
9 where he spent 11 months and 26 days, was wounded four times, and was not expected to
10 walk; but he surmounted the odds and 16 operations during two years to walk again; and

11 WHEREAS, in honor and recognition of his tremendous bravery and commitment to duty,
12 he was presented the Purple Heart, Korean Service Medals with three Bronze Service Stars,
13 United Nations Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and the Bronze Star; and

14 WHEREAS, he was issued a disability retirement certificate for honest and faithful service
15 on June 30, 1953; and he entered South Georgia College in Douglas where he excelled
16 academically and was chosen as Veteran of the Month for January, 1955; and

17 WHEREAS, he graduated from Georgia State University in business administration, earned
18 his CPA, and practiced in Atlanta as an accountant until his death in 1974.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
20 the members of this body recognize the honorary name of the Sweat Cemetery Bridge on
21 County Road 124 in Bacon County as the James Virgil Johnson Bridge and join in honoring
22 this courageous soldier.

- 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 Johnson family and to the
- 3 Bacon County Board of Commissioners.