

House Resolution 1469

By: Representative Stokes of the 72<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Designating a section of Highway 81 from the Covington city limit (Washington Street)  
2 north to Monticello Street as the Forrest "Preacher" Sawyer Memorial Parkway; and for other  
3 purposes.

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Forrest "Preacher" Sawyer, Sr., was one of the finest and proudest citizens  
5 ever to reside in Covington in Newton County; and

6 WHEREAS, Preacher Sawyer, as he was affectionately called, was born in the Spring Hill  
7 community and was educated in the Newton County school system; and

8 WHEREAS, after his schooling, Preacher Sawyer went to work at Bibb Manufacturing  
9 Company; and

10 WHEREAS, Preacher Sawyer entered the military in 1940 and ended his military career  
11 while stationed at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and

12 WHEREAS, Preacher Sawyer was active in church, civic organizations, and other service  
13 work. He was a founding member of the Newton County Voters League and an active  
14 member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the American  
15 Association for Retired Persons (AARP); and

16 WHEREAS, it is a well-known fact in the community that if not for Preacher Sawyer's  
17 exceptional effort the Washington Street Community Center, which is a valuable resource  
18 in Newton County, would not be functioning today; and

19 WHEREAS, Preacher Sawyer served as an elected official on the Covington City Council  
20 from 1981 until 1993; and

21 WHEREAS, Preacher Sawyer lived an exceptional life of service to his community and state.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 GEORGIA that the section of Highway 81 from the Covington city limit (Washington Street)  
3 north to Monticello Street is designated as the Forrest "Preacher" Sawyer Memorial Parkway  
4 and the Department of Transportation is authorized to erect and maintain signs so designating  
5 said parkway.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
7 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Forrest  
8 "Preacher" Sawyer, Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.