

## Senate Resolution 952

By: Senators Reed of the 35th and Seay of the 34th

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending James D. (Jim) McGee; designating the James D. (Jim) McGee Memorial  
2 Highway; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, James D. (Jim) McGee was born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, on August 23,  
4 1930; and

5 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor as an aviator in the United States Navy from  
6 1951-1955; and

7 WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the  
8 Georgia Institute of Technology; and

9 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career in civil engineering with the Georgia  
10 Department of Transportation while still a student at the Georgia Institute of Technology;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, during his 34 year career with the department, his service as a Senior Materials  
13 Test Engineer, State Highway Maintenance Engineer, Director of Administration in the  
14 Office of State Aid, and Director of Planning and Programming earned him the respect of his  
15 colleagues and furthered the department's mission of building safe and sustainable  
16 transportation infrastructure; and

17 WHEREAS, he became Deputy Commissioner of the Department in 1987, where he assisted  
18 the Commissioner with the overall management of a \$1 billion transportation program for  
19 the State of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, as Deputy Commissioner he served as the department's legislative liaison,  
21 working closely with the Georgia House of Representatives and Georgia Senate in fashioning  
22 legislation on transportation issues beneficial to the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

1 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1989, James D. (Jim) McGee began a second career in  
2 consulting engineering as vice president and manager of the Transportation Group for  
3 Jordan, Jones & Goulding in Atlanta; and

4 WHEREAS, he co-founded McGee Partners, Inc., in 2002 serving as chairman of the board  
5 and chief executive officer; and

6 WHEREAS, throughout his engineering career, as both a public servant and private  
7 businessman, James D. (Jim) McGee had a keen sense of integrity and a commitment to  
8 quality and client satisfaction; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife of 49 years, Eve; a loving father to  
10 daughter Kelley and sons James Michael (Mickey) and Davis Alan; and a proud grandfather  
11 of 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson; and

12 WHEREAS, in recognition and tribute to the exemplary public service of James D. (Jim)  
13 McGee, it is most fitting that the State of Georgia perpetuate his name in an appropriate  
14 fashion.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
16 GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Interstate Highway 85 from Flat Shoals Road to State  
17 Route 74 is designated as the James D. (Jim) McGee Memorial Highway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
19 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the James D. (Jim) McGee  
20 Memorial Highway.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
22 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of James D. (Jim) McGee and  
23 to the Commissioner of Transportation.