

Senate Resolution 66

By: Senator Brown of the 26th

**ADOPTED**

A RESOLUTION

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

3 PART I

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6 hereby repealed.

7 PART II

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

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

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

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

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 GEORGIA that the bridge at the Interstate 75 South and SR 74 interchange in Macon is

1 designated the Thelma "T-Lady" Ross Bridge, and the Department of Transportation is  
2 authorized and directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the bridge.

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

6 PART III

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## 1 PART IV

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.