

House Resolution 1440 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Birdsong of the 104<sup>th</sup>, Parham of the 94<sup>th</sup>, and Jenkins of the 93<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Bill Conn Parkway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Bill Conn was born on October 16, 1955, in Jones County and was educated in  
3 the Jones County public schools, Jonesco Academy, Georgia College, and the University of  
4 Georgia, and he was a realtor with Conn Realty, Inc., in Gray until his death on November  
5 18, 1996, after battling cancer for ten years; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Conn was instrumental in convincing local leaders of the importance and  
7 wisdom of creating a highway connecting State Route 11 and State Route 18 in Gray. The  
8 main purpose of the highway was to serve as a route for school buses transporting students  
9 to and from the public schools located on Cumslo Road. The plans that Mr. Conn prepared  
10 were presented to Georgia Commissioner of Transportation Hal Reeves and state highway  
11 engineer Charles Lewis by Gray Mayor Jimmy Roberts and State Representative Ken  
12 Birdsong, and the concept became a priority of the Department of Transportation, which  
13 obtained the right of way and constructed the connector highway; and

14 WHEREAS, the highway conceived by Bill Conn has proven to be of extreme value to the  
15 traveling public; and

16 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this man of vision be honored by naming the  
17 highway in his honor.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 GEORGIA that the State Highway 18 Connector between State Route 11 and State Route 18  
20 in Jones County be designated the "Bill Conn Parkway."

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating the "Bill Conn Parkway."

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Bill Conn's wife, Ms. Tina
- 3 Conn, to his children, and to his mother, Ms. Joyce Conn.