

## House Resolution 591 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Mobley of the 58<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Post 2, Maddox of the 59<sup>th</sup>, Post 2, Stephenson of the 60<sup>th</sup>, Post 1, Oliver of the 56<sup>th</sup>, Post 2, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mrs. Rosa Proctor and designating the Rosa Proctor Intersection; dedicating a  
2 portion of the Battlefield Parkway in Catoosa County to the memory of Baxter Shavers; and  
3 for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, when Rosa Proctor and her late husband Cary Proctor began looking for a place  
5 to build their first home in 1935 in Milledgeville, Georgia, they settled on a 40 acre lot in  
6 what became the Pettigrew Road area; and

7 WHEREAS, after building the house, the Proctors set out to get a road for the area, which  
8 they accomplished by donating to the county the strip of land which they owned where the  
9 road was to be; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1939, a much needed bridge was built in the Pettigrew Road area to connect  
11 Georgia 49 to Georgia 22, which greatly improved traveling conditions for the residents in  
12 the area; and

13 WHEREAS, the wooden bridge, known as "Little Fishing Bridge," was made possible by  
14 another donation of their land by Cary and Rosa Proctor; and

15 WHEREAS, over the ensuing 60 years, the wooden bridge had been worn out numerous  
16 times due to rain and traffic and its frequent closings had been a source of frustration for  
17 residents, including Mrs. Proctor, for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, in 2002, construction began on a \$670,000.00 concrete bridge funded by the  
19 Federal Highway Bridge Safety Program; and

20 WHEREAS, in order to get the right of way for the bridge, the county had to obtain land  
21 from five homeowners in the area, and like she and her husband had done twice before, Mrs.  
22 Proctor readily donated half an acre, free of charge; and

1 WHEREAS, the Pettigrew Road Bridge formally opened on July 1, 2003, with 91 year-old  
2 Rosa Proctor as an honored guest; and

3 WHEREAS, Baxter Shavers, a deputy sheriff of Catoosa County, sacrificed his life in the  
4 line of duty in April 1978, in the attempt to apprehend an armed robbery suspect; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the sacrifice of Baxter Shavers in the line of duty in  
6 protecting the citizens of Catoosa County and this state be recognized appropriately.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that in  
8 appreciation of her consistent generosity, foresight, and dedication to the public good, the  
9 intersection of SR 22 and Pettigrew Road in Milledgeville, Georgia, is hereby designated the  
10 Rosa Proctor Intersection.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Battlefield Parkway, Georgia State Highway 2, from  
12 its intersection with U.S. Highway 27 to its intersection with U.S. Highway 41 in Catoosa  
13 County be dedicated to the memory of Baxter Shavers.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
15 directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the bridge and highway.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
17 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to  
18 Mrs. Rosa Proctor.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intersection of SR 139 (Mableton Parkway) and U.S.  
20 78 (Veterans' Memorial Highway) shall be named in honor of the late Robert L. and Sally  
21 Thompson who were pioneers during this community's growth.