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House Resolution 394

By: Representatives Smith of the 13th, Cummings of the 16th, and Loudermilk of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the memory of Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., and dedicating the South Bridge
- 2 at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia, as the Chip Riddle Memorial Bridge; and for other
- 3 purposes.
- 4 WHEREAS, Chip Riddle was born in New London, Connecticut, on January 23, 1960, the
- 5 son of Bradford L. Riddle, Sr., and Maureen Bradley Riddle; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he graduated from West Rome High School and attended Floyd College,
- 7 Jacksonville State University, and The Harvard Business School and graduated from The
- 8 Economic Development Academy; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Chip served on the Business Technology Association National Board of
- 10 Directors and was a member and past president of the Georgia Office Machine Dealers; he
- served on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Home Furnishings Association from 1996
- 12 until 1999; he was a member of the Floyd-Gordon County Development Authority, where
- 13 he oversaw the Joint Industrial Park location in Floyd County; and he served two terms as
- 14 chairman of the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he worked to bring the 1996 Olympic Flag Ceremony to Rome; he was the
- 16 recipient of the Dickie Starnes Memorial Award and served as president of the Rome
- 17 Jaycees; he also received the community's Distinguished Service Award; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Chip served as chairman of the Rome Zoning Board of Appeals; was president
- 19 of the Seven Hills Rotary Club, past president and past Heart Fund chairman for the Floyd
- 20 County Heart Association, and past chairman of the Heart of the Community Board of
- 21 Governors; was a member of the YMCA Board of Trustees, the Rome Sailing Club, and the
- 22 Rome First United Methodist Church; and was a basketball coach for youth teams; and
- 23 WHEREAS, his best friend was his co-employee and his mentor, his father, Brad Riddle; and

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1 WHEREAS, he leaves behind his loving wife, Kandis Drummond Riddle, a son, Bradford

- 2 Lee Riddle III, and a daughter, Rebecca Brennen Riddle; parents, Maureen and Bradford L.
- 3 Riddle, Sr.; a sister, Suzanne Riddle Knight; paternal grandmother, Vivian H. Riddle; and
- 4 two sisters-in-law, Kim Drummond Evans and Kristi Drummond Duckworth; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Chip loved working, tinkering with tools, teaching and coaching basketball,
- 6 Jimmy Buffet, and, most of all, sailing; and
- WHEREAS, he was a true leader, a terrific father, husband, son, partner, and a great friend.
- 8 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 9 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the memory of a great Georgian,
- 10 Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., for his many contributions to the City of Rome and the State
- 11 of Georgia.
- 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Bridge at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia,
- 13 is dedicated as the Chip Riddle Memorial Bridge; and the Department of Transportation is
- 14 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs so designating the bridge.
- 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 16 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of the late
- 17 Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., and the Department of Transportation.