

Senate Resolution 347

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd, Wiles of the 37th and Hill of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Remembering the life of George Edward Bentley and honoring his memory by dedicating
2 that portion of the GA 120 Loop in Marietta, Georgia, from the end of the Martin Luther
3 King, Jr., designation to that portion crossing Black Jack Mountain Stables as the George
4 Bentley Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.

5 WHEREAS, born in 1928, Mr. George Edward Bentley was a native of Marietta, Georgia;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, as a youth, Mr. Bentley was named Cobb's Future Farmer of the Year, and he
8 went on to become a successful and highly respected dairy farmer; and

9 WHEREAS, his love for the 300 acres of land on which he grew up and with which he
10 refused to part was well known, and his story was featured as part of Home & Garden TV's
11 "Homestead Holdouts" after he turned down a developer's \$7.7 million offer for 52 acres;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, he was also deeply dedicated to his community and served on the Cobb County
14 Civil Service Board, the Hospital Authority of Cobb County, and the North Central Georgia
15 Law Enforcement Academy Board; and

16 WHEREAS, he was not a man who garnered the spotlight, but as a man vitally interested in
17 politics and the well-being of his community and his state, he was actively involved behind
18 the scenes of government as a friend and trusted adviser to many public officials; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bentley will be remembered as one of Georgia's most distinguished and
20 esteemed citizens.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
22 GEORGIA that the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the

1 passing of Mr. George Edward Bentley and extend their most sincere condolences to his
2 family and the Cobb County community.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of the GA 120 Loop in Marietta, Georgia,
4 from the end of the Martin Luther King, Jr., designation to that portion crossing Black Jack
5 Mountain Stables is dedicated as the George Bentley Memorial Highway, and the
6 Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate
7 signs so designating the highway.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mrs. June White Bentley and the
10 Department of Transportation.