

House Resolution 269 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Graves of the 12th and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Charles Bradley Mullis and designating the Charles Bradley Mullis
2 Memorial Bridge; designating the intersection of State Highway 515 and State Highway 53
3 as "Disabled American Veterans Intersection"; designating the Frank G. Harris Memorial
4 Highway; honoring the memory of Reverend H. F. (Parson) Joyner and dedicating the North
5 Bridge at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia, as the Parson H. F. Joyner Memorial Bridge;
6 honoring the memory of Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., and dedicating the South Bridge
7 at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia, as the Chip Riddle Memorial Bridge; and for other
8 purposes.

9 **PART I**

10 WHEREAS, Charles Bradley Mullis was born December 18, 1963, in Homerville, Georgia,
11 and was the beloved son of June and Jimmy Mullis; and

12 WHEREAS, after several short stays in other places, in 1966 his family moved back to his
13 childhood hometown of Axson, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Brad attended Pearson Elementary School, Atkinson County Junior High, and
15 Atkinson County High School, and while in high school he played football, basketball, and
16 track; and

17 WHEREAS, he was awarded the Academic Athlete award and the Coach's Award while in
18 high school; and

19 WHEREAS, he furthered his education at the United States Air Force Academy Prep School,
20 and Valdosta State, before graduating from Georgia Tech with a degree in management with
21 accounting concentration; and

22 WHEREAS, Brad went on to become a certified public accountant; and

1 WHEREAS, in his professional career he started as a senior auditor at Ernst & Young and
2 ended up as a controller for Thompson, Ventulett, Stainback and Associates; and

3 WHEREAS, he was a member of the DeKalb County Georgia Tech Club, the American
4 Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the Georgia Society of Certified Public
5 Accountants, and the Dunwoody United Methodist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, in his time off, Brad enjoyed fishing; he could spend hours enjoying the beauty
7 of nature and would not be angry if he did not catch any fish because he enjoyed the
8 experience; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a kind, loving man with many friends and he touched many lives, and
10 his ability to get along with anyone while encouraging them to do their best were the
11 benchmarks of his success.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 GEORGIA that the bridge on US 82/SR 520 between Axson, Georgia, and the Atkinson
14 County line is designated the Charles Bradley Mullis Memorial Bridge.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
16 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating said bridge.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the parents of Charles
19 Bradley Mullis and the Department of Transportation.

20 **PART II**

21 WHEREAS, all Americans enjoy the benefits of living in a free country; and

22 WHEREAS, this freedom does not come without a price; and

23 WHEREAS, many men and women in the history of our nation have risen to the call and
24 performed their duty to defend this country and our freedoms in times of conflict; and

25 WHEREAS, many of these gallant men and women have paid a high personal price in the
26 defense of liberty with the loss of their sight, hearing, and mobility and with other
27 disabilities; and

1 WHEREAS, proper recognition of the service and sacrifice of these brave men and women
2 is most appropriate.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
4 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor disabled American veterans, both living and
5 deceased, and designate the intersection of State Highway 515 and State Highway 53 in
6 Pickens County as "Disabled American Veterans Intersection."

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
8 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so designating the intersection.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
10 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Pickens Chapter #47 of
11 the Disabled American Veterans and the Department of Transportation.

12 **PART III**

13 WHEREAS, the substantial contributions of Mr. Frank G. Harris to the community and to
14 the state significantly improved the quality of life for his fellow citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, he was born in Gilmer County, Georgia, on September 17, 1911, and married
16 Julia Frances Morrow in 1933; and

17 WHEREAS, a deeply religious person, he was a member of the Faith United Methodist
18 Church for over 65 years, serving as the Chairman of the Building Committee during the
19 construction of the former church building and parsonage, as a certified lay speaker in the
20 North Georgia Conference, and for four years on the Evangelism Board of the North Georgia
21 Conference; and

22 WHEREAS, he received an honorary doctorate degree in Human Letters from Asbury
23 College in 1990, served on the Board of Trustees of Asbury College for 16 years, and
24 established the Frank G. and Frances M. Harris Scholarship for Georgia students; and

25 WHEREAS, he was actively involved with the Indian Springs Holiness Camp, serving on
26 the Board of Trustees for 42 years and as President for 24 years, during which time he
27 supervised the building of five new buildings; and

1 WHEREAS, he demonstrated his commitment to education by serving for 11 years on the
2 Cartersville School Board, serving as Chairman of the Board for ten years, during which time
3 he integrated all schools peacefully; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1961, his family was voted Family of the Year for Cartersville and Bartow
5 County and, in 1972, he received the Distinguished Service Award by the United States
6 Committee for the United Nations; and

7 WHEREAS, he was the loving father of Fredric Alan, Joe Frank, and Glenda Chloe; and

8 WHEREAS, this fine gentleman and his exemplary public service will be remembered with
9 honor throughout the State of Georgia.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 42 in Butts County from its intersection with State
12 Route 87 to the entrance of Indian Springs State Park is designated the Frank G. Harris
13 Memorial Highway in remembrance of the public service of this distinguished Georgia
14 citizen.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
16 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating the highway.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
18 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of
19 Transportation and to the family of the late Mr. Frank G. Harris.

20 **PART IV**

21 WHEREAS, after coming to Georgia from his native Virginia in 1904, Parson Joyner was
22 employed for two years by the Seaboard Railroad, and then for seven years he edited a
23 weekly newspaper in Rockmart; and

24 WHEREAS, in 1913, he answered the call to the ministry and went to the Louisville
25 Seminary for three years; and

26 WHEREAS, Parson Joyner came to Rome, Georgia, in 1916 and accepted a position at the
27 Maple Street Baptist Church, which proved to be his first and last pastorate; and

1 WHEREAS, after seeing what was then the slums of Rome, he was inspired to a calling
2 which he could not overlook; he set out to prove that the best way to fight juvenile
3 delinquency was to give a child a ball instead of a rock; and

4 WHEREAS, in 1920, he opened a community house which later became the home of Parson
5 and Mrs. Joyner; and

6 WHEREAS, in November, 1920, the gymnasium was completed as part of the Maple Street
7 Community Center; and

8 WHEREAS, for many years, the Maple Street gym was used by every basketball team from
9 Atlanta to Chattanooga and was the headquarters for every major basketball tournament in
10 the area; professional basketball teams from throughout the country presented exhibitions at
11 the Maple Street gym; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1932, Parson Joyner resigned from the Maple Street Baptist Church in order
13 to devote his energies full time to the Maple Street Community Center; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1932, the Maple Street Community Center became the first affiliate member
15 of the Boys Club of America in Georgia; and

16 WHEREAS, Parson Joyner continues to live in the hearts and minds of adult men and
17 women of old East Rome who spent their childhood at the Maple Street Community Center;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, he had a tremendously positive influence upon the lives of countless young
20 boys and girls in the Rome area, many of whom might have gone astray without his Christian
21 ministering.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the memory of a great Georgian,
24 Reverend H. F. (Parson) Joyner, for his many contributions to the City of Rome and the State
25 of Georgia.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Bridge at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia,
27 is dedicated as the Parson H. F. Joyner Memorial Bridge; and the Department of

1 Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs so
2 designating the bridge.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
4 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of the late
5 Reverend H. F. (Parson) Joyner and to the Department of Transportation.

6 **PART V**

7 WHEREAS, Chip Riddle was born in New London, Connecticut, on January 23, 1960, the
8 son of Bradford L. Riddle, Sr., and Maureen Bradley Riddle; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from West Rome High School and attended Floyd College,
10 Jacksonville State University, and The Harvard Business School and graduated from The
11 Economic Development Academy; and

12 WHEREAS, Chip served on the Business Technology Association National Board of
13 Directors and was a member and past president of the Georgia Office Machine Dealers; he
14 served on the Board of Directors for the Georgia Home Furnishings Association from 1996
15 until 1999; he was a member of the Floyd-Gordon County Development Authority, where
16 he oversaw the Joint Industrial Park location in Floyd County; and he served two terms as
17 chairman of the Greater Rome Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

18 WHEREAS, he worked to bring the 1996 Olympic Flag Ceremony to Rome; he was the
19 recipient of the Dickie Starnes Memorial Award and served as president of the Rome
20 Jaycees; he also received the community's Distinguished Service Award; and

21 WHEREAS, Chip served as chairman of the Rome Zoning Board of Appeals; was president
22 of the Seven Hills Rotary Club, past president and past Heart Fund chairman for the Floyd
23 County Heart Association, and past chairman of the Heart of the Community Board of
24 Governors; was a member of the YMCA Board of Trustees, the Rome Sailing Club, and the
25 Rome First United Methodist Church; and was a basketball coach for youth teams; and

26 WHEREAS, his best friend was his co-employee and his mentor, his father, Brad Riddle; and

27 WHEREAS, he leaves behind his loving wife, Kandis Drummond Riddle, a son, Bradford
28 Lee Riddle III, and a daughter, Rebecca Brennen Riddle; parents, Maureen and Bradford L.

1 Riddle, Sr.; a sister, Suzanne Riddle Knight; paternal grandmother, Vivian H. Riddle; and
2 two sisters-in-law, Kim Drummond Evans and Kristi Drummond Duckworth; and

3 WHEREAS, Chip loved working, tinkering with tools, teaching and coaching basketball,
4 Jimmy Buffet, and, most of all, sailing; and

5 WHEREAS, he was a true leader, a terrific father, husband, son, partner, and a great friend.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the memory of a great Georgian,
8 Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., for his many contributions to the City of Rome and the State
9 of Georgia.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the South Bridge at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia,
11 is dedicated as the Chip Riddle Memorial Bridge; and the Department of Transportation is
12 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs so designating the bridge.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of the late
15 Bradford Lee "Chip" Riddle, Jr., and the Department of Transportation.