

House Resolution 201 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Roberts of the 154th, Coleman of the 144th, Smith of the 168th, Sims of the 169th, and Porter of the 143rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Designating the Wendell W. Thigpen Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Wendell W. Thigpen was a lifetime resident of Lumber City, Georgia; and
- 3 WHEREAS, Wendell grew up on the Little Ocmulgee River near where SR 19 crosses the
4 river; he designed the bridge being named in his honor and the bridge is located only a few
5 hundred feet from his home; and
- 6 WHEREAS, in 1960, Wendell was a freshman at Middle Georgia College when he became
7 disabled following a diving accident and for the rest of his life he was partially paralyzed
8 from the neck down; and
- 9 WHEREAS, during an extended rehabilitation program, he learned drafting skills and upon
10 his release from rehabilitation he went to work with McGraw Laboratories in Milledgeville,
11 Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, for over 30 years, he was employed by the Georgia Department of
13 Transportation in the District Design Engineer Shop in Jesup, Georgia; and
- 14 WHEREAS, when Wendell began his career at the Georgia Department of Transportation
15 in 1972, all the work was done by hand and he adapted very quickly to the new computer
16 technology and used it to the fullest during his long career; and
- 17 WHEREAS, he recently received the Commissioner's Achievement Award; and
- 18 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a distinguished citizen with the passing of Wendell W.
19 Thigpen.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the bridge on SR 19 where it crosses the Little Ocmulgee River (bridge ID
3 # 271-00019D-001.34 North; Serial # 271-0057-0) is designated the Wendell W. Thigpen
4 Memorial Bridge.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
6 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such bridge.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
8 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the City Council of Lumber
9 City and to the Department of Transportation.