

House Resolution 269 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

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

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Charles Bradley Mullis and dedicating the Charles Bradley Mullis
 2 Memorial Bridge; dedicating the intersection of State Highway 515 and State Highway 53
 3 as "Disabled American Veterans Intersection"; dedicating 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; dedicating a
 8 portion of US Highway 341 within the corporate limits of the City of McRae as Martin
 9 Luther King, Jr., Blvd.; dedicating a portion of US Highway 441 within the corporate limits
 10 of the City of McRae in honor of Mayor Johnny Bradfield; commending Roger Caudell and
 11 dedicating the "Roger Caudell Highway"; remembering the life of George Edward Bentley
 12 and honoring his memory by dedicating that portion of the GA 120 Loop in Marietta,
 13 Georgia, from the end of the Martin Luther King, Jr., designation to that portion crossing
 14 Black Jack Mountain Stables as the George Bentley Memorial Highway; commending James
 15 D. (Jim) McGee; dedicating the James D. (Jim) McGee Memorial Highway; and for other
 16 purposes.

PART I

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

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

22 WHEREAS, Brad attended Pearson Elementary School, Atkinson County Junior High, and
 23 Atkinson County High School, and while in high school he played football, basketball, and
 24 track; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
19 GEORGIA that the bridge on US 82/SR 520 between Axson, Georgia, and the Atkinson
20 County line is dedicated as the Charles Bradley Mullis Memorial Bridge.

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

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

26 **PART II**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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 Pickens Chapter #47 of
17 the Disabled American Veterans and the Department of Transportation.

18 **PART III**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 42 in Butts County from its intersection with State
18 Route 87 to the entrance of Indian Springs State Park is dedicated as the Frank G. Harris
19 Memorial Highway in remembrance of the public service of this distinguished Georgia
20 citizen.

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

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

PART IV

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the North Bridge at East 2nd Avenue in Rome, Georgia,
9 is dedicated as the Parson H. F. Joyner Memorial Bridge; and the Department of
10 Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs so
11 designating the bridge.

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

15 **PART V**

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

18 WHEREAS, he graduated from West Rome High School and attended Floyd College,
19 Jacksonville State University, and The Harvard Business School and graduated from The
20 Economic Development Academy; and

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

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

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

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

7 WHEREAS, he leaves behind his loving wife, Kandis Drummond Riddle, a son, Bradford
8 Lee Riddle III, and a daughter, Rebecca Brennen Riddle; parents, Maureen and Bradford L.
9 Riddle, Sr.; a sister, Suzanne Riddle Knight; paternal grandmother, Vivian H. Riddle; and
10 two sisters-in-law, Kim Drummond Evans and Kristi Drummond Duckworth; and

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

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

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

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

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

24 **PART VI**

25 WHEREAS, the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., was a distinguished Georgian whose efforts
26 to obtain a peaceful and just society earned a Nobel Prize; and

1 WHEREAS, the mayor and council of the City of McRae have requested by unanimous vote
2 that the General Assembly honor the late Dr. King by dedicating a portion of
3 US Highway 341 within the corporate limits of that city in his name; and

4 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life and memory of the late Dr. Martin
5 Luther King be so honored as requested.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 GEORGIA that the portion of South Railroad Street which is also US Highway 341 within
8 the corporate limits of the City of McRae is dedicated as Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd., and
9 the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain signs so
10 identifying the highway.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and the
13 mayor and council of the City of McRae.

14 **PART VII**

15 WHEREAS, the late Johnny Bradfield served with dedication and ability as a member of the
16 city council of the City of McRae from 1970 until October, 1985, and as mayor from 1986
17 through 1995; and

18 WHEREAS, he is remembered fondly by the citizens of McRae when they see the beautiful
19 Bradford pear trees which he planted in the median of South Third Avenue; and

20 WHEREAS, the mayor and council of the City of McRae have requested that the General
21 Assembly honor the late Mayor Johnny Bradfield by dedicating a portion of
22 US Highway 441 within the corporate limits of that city in his name; and

23 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life and memory of the late Honorable
24 Johnny Bradfield be so honored as requested.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 GEORGIA that the portion of South Third Avenue within the corporate limits of the City of
27 McRae which is also US Highway 441 and which goes to Telfair County High School is
28 dedicated as the Mayor Johnny Bradfield Highway, and the Department of Transportation
29 is authorized and directed to erect and maintain signs so identifying the highway.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, the
3 mayor and council of the City of McRae, and the family of Honorable Johnny Bradfield.

4 **PART VIII**

5 WHEREAS, Roger C. Caudell, a native of Banks County, entered the Army Air Force during
6 World War II and served as a flight engineer on the B-29 Bomber and was a member of the
7 fourth crew selected to deliver an atomic bomb upon Japan prior to its surrender; and

8 WHEREAS, he returned from serving our country to Stephens County and opened on West
9 Currahee Street, now Georgia Highway 365, a grocery, hardware, and farm supply business
10 which he and his family operated for more than 40 years; and

11 WHEREAS, during the same time he operated a poultry farm and resided beside the same
12 highway; and

13 WHEREAS, during hard times, he extended credit on a handshake to many families for
14 purchase of groceries, farm supplies, and gasoline and through his community activities
15 became widely known and respected as a generous man who loved his customers and
16 neighbors who lived beside the same road; and

17 WHEREAS, he served as a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Toccoa for more than 50
18 years and provided leadership which contributed substantially to the growth and expansion
19 of his church; and

20 WHEREAS, he served as a trustee of the Stephens County Board of Education and served
21 15 years as a board member of the Stephens County Department of Family and Children
22 Services; and

23 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in expanding the poultry industry in Stephens County and
24 for a time was the largest poultry grower in the county; and

25 WHEREAS, after the sale of his hardware, grocery, and farm supply business, he joined his
26 son in the construction of residential, commercial, and industrial properties, primarily in
27 Stephens County, and thereby added significantly to the tax base of his county; and

1 WHEREAS, he is highly respected and recognized as one of the foremost leaders in
2 Northeast Georgia and continues, at age 81, to make significant contributions to his
3 community; and

4 WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the road on which he lived and which
5 served as a connector to his neighbors and friends who experienced his lifelong influence as
6 a generous and guiding leader of his community be dedicated in his honor as a tribute to the
7 legacy of this man who loves his country, his community, and his church and who has set an
8 example through his integrity and leadership for those many friends, neighbors, and
9 recipients of his friendship and assistance.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 GEORGIA that this body commends Roger Caudell for his service to his country, his state,
12 and his community.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia State Highway 365 extending
14 east from the Jamieson Intersection to Lake Hartwell at the South Carolina boundary be
15 dedicated as the "Roger Caudell Highway" and the Department of Transportation is
16 authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so dedicating the highway.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Roger Caudell and the Department of
19 Transportation.

20 **PART IX**

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

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

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

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

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

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

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
10 GEORGIA that the members of this body join together to express their deepest regret at the
11 passing of Mr. George Edward Bentley and extend their most sincere condolences to his
12 family and the Cobb County community.

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

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

21 **PART X**

22 WHEREAS, James D. (Jim) McGee was born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida, on August 23,
23 1930; and

24 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor as an aviator in the United States Navy from
25 1951-1955; and

26 WHEREAS, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in civil engineering from the
27 Georgia Institute of Technology; and

1 WHEREAS, he began his distinguished career in civil engineering with the Georgia
2 Department of Transportation while still a student at the Georgia Institute of Technology;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, during his 34 year career with the department, his service as a Senior Materials
5 Test Engineer, State Highway Maintenance Engineer, Director of Administration in the
6 Office of State Aid, and Director of Planning and Programming earned him the respect of his
7 colleagues and furthered the department's mission of building safe and sustainable
8 transportation infrastructure; and

9 WHEREAS, he became Deputy Commissioner of the Department in 1987, where he assisted
10 the Commissioner with the overall management of a \$1 billion transportation program for
11 the State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, as Deputy Commissioner he served as the department's legislative liaison,
13 working closely with the Georgia House of Representatives and Georgia Senate in fashioning
14 legislation on transportation issues beneficial to the citizens of the State of Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1989, James D. (Jim) McGee began a second career in
16 consulting engineering as vice president and manager of the Transportation Group for
17 Jordan, Jones & Goulding in Atlanta; and

18 WHEREAS, he co-founded McGee Partners, Inc., in 2002 serving as chairman of the board
19 and chief executive officer; and

20 WHEREAS, throughout his engineering career, as both a public servant and private
21 businessman, James D. (Jim) McGee had a keen sense of integrity and a commitment to
22 quality and client satisfaction; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife of 49 years, Eve; a loving father to
24 daughter Kelley and sons James Michael (Mickey) and Davis Alan; and a proud grandfather
25 of 11 grandchildren and one great-grandson; and

26 WHEREAS, in recognition and tribute to the exemplary public service of James D. (Jim)
27 McGee, it is most fitting that the State of Georgia perpetuate his name in an appropriate
28 fashion.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Interstate Highway 85 from Flat Shoals Road to State
3 Route 74 is dedicated as the James D. (Jim) McGee Memorial Highway.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
5 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the James D. (Jim) McGee
6 Memorial Highway.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
8 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of James D. (Jim) McGee and
9 to the Commissioner of Transportation.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia State Highway 155, AKA
11 Flatshoals Parkway extending east from its intersection with I-285 to its intersection with
12 Snapfinger Road, be dedicated as "Earl Paulk Parkway" and the Department of
13 Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so
14 dedicating the highway.