

## House Resolution 1041

By: Representatives Davis of the 109<sup>th</sup>, Lunsford of the 110<sup>th</sup>, Watson of the 91<sup>st</sup>, Mosby of the 90<sup>th</sup>, Yates of the 73<sup>rd</sup>, and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the accomplishments of J. T. Williams and dedicating the J. T. Williams Honorary  
2 Bridge; and for other purposes.

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4 WHEREAS, J. T. Williams passed the certified public accountant examination on his first  
5 attempt and won an award for scoring the highest grade in Florida; and

6 WHEREAS, he served on the staff of Price Waterhouse & Company in New York City and  
7 went on to head the largest accounting firm in Tallahassee, Florida; and

8 WHEREAS, he is the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Killearn, Inc., a developer  
9 of quality golf course communities, including the premier developments Eagle's Landing and  
10 Eagle's Brooke, in Henry County, Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, J. T. Williams is responsible for bringing the prestigious LPGA professional  
12 golf tournament to the Eagle's Landing Country Club, and this annual event has generated  
13 tremendous revenue and positive public relations for Henry County; and

14 WHEREAS, he is the Chairman of the Projects and Planning Committee of the Georgia  
15 Regional Transportation Authority, a member of the Congestion Mitigation Task Force, the  
16 former Chairman of Finance of the North Georgia Metro Water Board, the former Chairman  
17 of the Georgia Board of Education, a former member of the Hospital Steering Committee in  
18 Rabun County, the former Vice-Chairman of Henry County Health Systems, Inc.; and

19 WHEREAS, he is the General Chairman of the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship, the past  
20 Chairman and currently on the executive committee of the Atlanta Regional Business  
21 Coalition, the former Chairman of the Henry County Chamber of Commerce, the past  
22 President of the Tallahassee Rotary Club; and

1 WHEREAS, J. T. Williams is the former Trustee of the Radio and Television Commission  
2 and former Trustee of the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention,  
3 the former Trustee of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, the former General  
4 Chairman of the North Florida Billy Graham Crusade, the past President of the Bill Glass  
5 Prison Ministries, and has taught Sunday school for over 30 years; and

6 WHEREAS, in 2004, he was awarded the Herman Talmadge Visionary Award by the Henry  
7 County Chamber of Commerce, honoring the person with vision who has contributed the  
8 most to positive growth and economic development in Henry County; and

9 WHEREAS, he has three sons (Joe, David, and Bert), and 12 grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, his presence and developments in Henry County and elsewhere have improved  
11 the quality of life and promoted economic prosperity and his life of service to the business,  
12 civic, and religious groups in his community is worthy of respect and admiration.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
14 GEORGIA that the bridge over I-75 on Eagle's Landing Parkway is dedicated as the J. T.  
15 Williams Honorary Bridge.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
17 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating said bridge. Signs shall be erected  
18 on I-75 North, I-75 South, and on each end of the bridge.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to J. T. Williams and the  
21 Department of Transportation.