

Senate Resolution 718

By: Senators Henson of the 41st and Weber of the 40th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and accomplishments of Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr., and dedicating the
2 Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr., Memorial Highway; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr., was received by members of the
4 Oglethorpe University community with much sorrow; and

5 WHEREAS, during World War II he was a B-29 pilot in the Pacific theater where he flew
6 15 missions and named his plane the "Stormy Petrel"; and

7 WHEREAS, he owned Dixie Seal & Stamp Company; was a stockholder in the Atlanta
8 Crackers and a founding member of the Braves 400 Club; and was inducted into the Georgia
9 Sports Hall of Fame in 1992; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Oglethorpe University class of 1940 and was a loyal
11 alumnus, Trustee Emeritus, and true friend to the Oglethorpe University Community; and

12 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Jeanne Fuller Schmidt, class of 1942, had been an integral part
13 of the university for over 65 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Steve became an Oglethorpe Trustee in 1963 and served as chair from 1970
15 until 1989, and he was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1986; and

16 WHEREAS, visible reminders of the Schmidt family's great contributions to Oglethorpe
17 University include the Schmidt Residence Hall, the Schmidt Center, and the Schmidt
18 Endowed Scholarship; and

19 WHEREAS, Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr., was known as "Mr. Oglethorpe" and it is only fitting
20 and proper that this man of vision and significance be honored by dedicating a portion of the
21 highway bordering his beloved university in his honor.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
2 GEORGIA that that portion of SR 141 from its intersection with Hermance Drive to its
3 intersection with Lanier Drive in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr.,
4 Memorial Highway.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
6 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr.,
7 Memorial Highway.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
9 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to his wife, Jeanne Fuller Schmidt, and to the
10 Department of Transportation.