

Senate Resolution 1028

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., and dedicating the Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett,
2 Jr. Memorial Highway in his memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett was born in Austell, Georgia, on New Year's Day in 1917; and

4 WHEREAS, after graduating from Emory University School of Medicine, he followed in the
5 footsteps of his father and grandfather by attending to the medical needs of the citizens of
6 Austell and the surrounding area; and

7 WHEREAS, while a student at Emory, he met Gladys Elliott, a young nurse from Henry
8 County, and they fell in love and were married in June of 1941; and

9 WHEREAS, shortly after the marriage, Dr. Garrett served with the United States infantry in
10 Europe during World War II, earning several decorations, including a Bronze Star for
11 bravery while saving the life of a young soldier; and

12 WHEREAS, he returned to Austell after the war and joined his father's medical practice and
13 was thereafter elected mayor, serving from 1948 through 1950 and 1958 through 1965; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a member of several civic organizations and served as president of the
15 Austell Rotary Club, South Cobb High School PTA, and the Cobb Association of Retarded
16 Citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett served with dedication at two area hospitals, Cobb General and
18 Atlanta West, and it was due to his diligence and commitment that Atlanta West Hospital
19 remained open to serve the South Cobb community; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband and father of three, Luke Glenn Garrett III of Austell,
2 Patricia A. Wilder of Lithia Springs, and Glenna Lucille Garrett of Columbia, South
3 Carolina; and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett was widely known as a humanitarian who cared more about his
5 patients than his fees and as a person who treated everyone equally and with great respect;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., was a legend that has left us with an example of a
8 life well lived in public and private service and it is only fitting that a highway should be
9 named in his honor.

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
11 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 6 Spur, formerly known as Westside Drive, fronting the
12 Norfolk Southern rail facility, in Cobb County, is dedicated as the Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett,
13 Jr. Memorial Highway.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
15 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr.
16 Memorial 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 the family of Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr.,
19 and to the Department of Transportation.