

House Resolution 1491 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for related matters; and
2 for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, former Representative Dorothy Barnes Pelote was a member of the General
5 Assembly of Georgia for more than a decade, where she worked tirelessly in loyal and
6 enduring service to her constituents and the citizens of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, former Representative Dorothy Barnes Pelote has been a resident of Savannah,
8 Georgia, for over 50 years and, prior to serving as a Representative, acted in public service
9 to her community first as an educator and, upon retirement, as a member of the Chatham
10 County Board of Commissioners; and

11 WHEREAS, while serving in the General Assembly of Georgia as a member of the House
12 of Representatives, Ms. Pelote worked steadfastly to pass many resolutions and bills that
13 benefit not only the citizens of Savannah, but the entire State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Pelote has been instrumental in obtaining funds for a number of local
15 initiatives and community improvements and has received numerous awards and recognitions
16 for her services to the community and the citizens of this state; and

17 WHEREAS, former Representative Dorothy Barnes Pelote is a beloved member of many
18 public and civic organizations, her church, and family.

19 **PART II**

20 WHEREAS, Derward Buchan is a veteran of the United States Army and served in the
21 occupational forces in Japan and later served in Korea; and

1 WHEREAS, he served 14 years on the Douglas city commission and six years as the mayor;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, during his tenure on the Douglas city commission, he oversaw transportation
4 improvements, including the widening of Madison Street, the completion of Perimeter Road,
5 and the continuing improvement of traffic congestion through the use of one-way streets; and

6 WHEREAS, he is a former member and secretary of the Southeast Georgia Regional
7 Development Center; and

8 WHEREAS, he retired from the Georgia Department of Transportation after 34 years of
9 service as an area engineer; and

10 WHEREAS, Derward is a charter member of the Douglas Exchange Club, past president of
11 the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, and a member of the
12 Chamber of Commerce and American Legion; and

13 WHEREAS, Derward F. Buchan has devoted his life to service as a businessman, civic
14 leader, and friend to the City of Douglas, and it is only fitting that the Derward F. Buchan
15 Corridor be dedicated in his honor.

16 **PART III**

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Tommy G. Hudson was an employee of the Georgia Department of
18 Transportation; and

19 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding employee and citizen of the State of Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he was struck and killed by a vehicle on March 2, 2005, while in the
21 performance of his duties on SR 107 in Turner County near the bridge over Deep Creek; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a devoted family man, a highly respected employee, an able and upright
23 citizen of his community and the State of Georgia, and a friend to all who were privileged
24 to know and work with him.

25 **PART IV**

26 WHEREAS, the 848th Engineer Company was organized as the B-560 Engineering Battalion
27 and later became the 848th Engineer Company attached to the 48th Infantry Brigade; and

1 WHEREAS, the 848th Engineer Company was mobilized for Operation Desert Storm in
2 1990 as part of the 48th Infantry Brigade; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1993, the 848th Engineer Company was reorganized as Company C in the
4 648th Engineer Battalion; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1994, the 648th Engineer Battalion was mobilized for duty in central and
6 southern Georgia to help with the massive flooding following tropical storm Alberto; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1996-97, the 648th was mobilized to serve a peacekeeping mission in Bosnia;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, currently the 648th is serving with the 48th Infantry Brigade Combat Team in
10 Iraq and the Persian Gulf area; and

11 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that these courageous soldiers, who in the spirit of the
12 American patriot, have volunteered to confront the dangers, privations, and discomforts of
13 wartime and peacetime service and in the spirit of humanity have strived to establish and
14 keep the peace in Iraq and Bosnia with fortitude and steadfast resolve, should have a bridge
15 named in their honor; and

16 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of the Georgia
17 National Guard who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of
18 liberty for this nation and other peoples of the world.

19 **PART V**

20 WHEREAS, the lighthouse of Tybee Island has a long and storied history along the Georgia
21 coast; and

22 WHEREAS, the lighthouse has saved the lives of many desperate seafarers in search of a
23 safe port; and

24 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting that the Tybee Island Lighthouse be memorialized
25 by dedicating a causeway in honor of its glorious past.

1 **PART VI**

2 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Lucille M. Norton, late of Lakeland, Georgia, was
3 received by the members of her community with much deep regret; and

4 WHEREAS, the life led by this distinguished woman of 86 years rendered her name dear to
5 the hearts of her family and fellow citizens alike; and

6 WHEREAS, Lucille M. Norton was a native of Lanier County who, after receiving her
7 teaching degree, made Lanier County and Lakeland, Georgia, her home and not only became
8 a teacher for the Lanier County school system, but also served six decades as a mentor of five
9 generations of children and families of Lanier County; and

10 WHEREAS, her commitment to public service and various volunteer organizations, such as
11 the March of Dimes and her beloved Good Hope Baptist Church, made her community and
12 this state a better place in which to live; and

13 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this woman of vision and significance be
14 honored by naming a small and simple bridge in her honor; a bridge over a small and
15 undemanding creek that, as a child, bordered on her mother's farm; that she played in as a
16 child; that she fished and enjoyed all of her 86 years on this earth; that she later in life
17 inherited from her mother who had inherited it from her family; and that, in death, she passed
18 on to her only son.

19 **PART VII**

20 WHEREAS, Private James Boggan was born on December 22, 1925, in Ambrose, Georgia;
21 and

22 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart was first established by George Washington during the
23 Revolutionary War and later revived by the War Department in February of 1932; and

24 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to persons who while serving in any capacity with
25 the United States Armed Services has been wounded or killed or who has died or may
26 thereafter die after being wounded; and

27 WHEREAS, Private James Boggan of Ambrose, Georgia, received fatal wounds in
28 Luxembourg during World War II while serving in the United States Army that resulted in
29 his death on March 16, 1945, and was awarded the Purple Heart on June 11, 1945; and

1 WHEREAS, Private Boggan left behind him in Ambrose, Georgia, his parents, the late Cecil
2 D. Boggan and Mary Grantham Boggan, as well as six brothers and sisters; and

3 WHEREAS, Private Boggan is an example of a generation of young soldiers who gave their
4 lives during World War II in the fight for democracy and freedom.

5 **PART VIII**

6 WHEREAS, Thomas McGaughey Kilgore was a native and lifelong resident of Douglas
7 County and was a descendant of Douglas County native citizens dating back prior to the
8 incorporation of the county; and

9 WHEREAS, he graduated from Douglas County High School in 1952 and from Berry
10 College in 1956; and

11 WHEREAS, he spent his entire professional career with CSX Transportation; and

12 WHEREAS, he was elected as a member of the Georgia General Assembly's House of
13 Representatives to represent Douglas County, taking office in 1975 and serving through
14 1992; and

15 WHEREAS, during his tenure in the General Assembly, he served on the Appropriations
16 Committee and the Industry Committee, and chaired the Education Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Education Committee, he was instrumental in establishing
18 the Douglas County campus of West Central Technical College on Timber Ridge Road,
19 which has become an integral part of the community and provides an opportunity for
20 thousands of Douglas County citizens to receive higher education; and

21 WHEREAS, after retirement, he continued to work with the Douglasville Convention and
22 Visitors Bureau to help bring tourists to Douglas County; and

23 WHEREAS, he was married for 43 years to Carol M. McLendon, and they had two beautiful
24 daughters, Pamela K. Platt and Teresa A. Kilgore, and two wonderful grandchildren, Lindsay
25 and Will; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a lifetime member of County Line Baptist Church and a charter member
27 of the West Pines Golf Course and enjoyed carp fishing during his free time; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this man who devoted his life to his family and service to
2 his community should have a bridge in his beloved Douglas County dedicated in his
3 memory.

4 **PART IX**

5 WHEREAS, when Georgia Loop 1 in Floyd County was first constructed, it extended from
6 the intersection of SR 20 in West Rome to SR 53; and

7 WHEREAS, this section of Georgia Loop 1 has been previously named the "Veterans
8 Memorial Highway"; and

9 WHEREAS, Georgia Loop 1 has now been extended from SR 53 to US 411/SR 20; and

10 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed
11 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for
12 this nation and other peoples of the world.

13 **PART X**

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
15 GEORGIA that the bridge on Bay Street between East Lathorpe Street and Farm Street in
16 Chatham County is dedicated as the Dorothy Barnes Pelote Bridge.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 32 from the 206 Connector to the CSX
18 Railroad overpass is dedicated as the Derward F. Buchan Corridor.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Deep Creek on SR 107 at Mile Post 8.0
20 in Turner County, Bridge ID # 287-00107D-00.800E, is hereby dedicated as the Tommy G.
21 Hudson Bridge in honor of the memory of this distinguished Georgian.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on the SR 206 Connector that spans the CSX
23 railroad, in Coffee County, is dedicated as the Hero Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of US 80 from the end of Lazaretto River
25 to the end of US 80 on Tybee Island, in Chatham County, is dedicated as the Historic Tybee
26 Lighthouse Causeway.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Grand Bay Creek on U. S. Highway 221
2 in the County of Lanier be dedicated as the Lucille M. Norton Bridge.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bear Creek Bridge on Highway 32 West in
4 Ambrose, Georgia, is dedicated as the Private James Boggan Memorial Bridge.

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Prestley Mill Road bridge over I-20, in Douglas
6 County, is dedicated as the Tom Kilgore Memorial Bridge.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia Loop 1 from SR 53 to US
8 411/SR 20 is dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Highway.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
10 directed to erect and maintain signs identifying the highway facilities dedicated in this
11 resolution.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
13 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of
14 Transportation, Dorothy Barnes Pelote, Derward F. Buchan, the family of Tommy G.
15 Hudson, the commanding officer of the 648th Engineer Battalion of the Georgia Army
16 National Guard, the local governing authority of Tybee Island, the surviving and only son,
17 four grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren of Lucille M. Norton, the family of Private
18 James Boggan, and to the family of Tom Kilgore.