

House Resolution 1548 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Rynders of the 152nd and Hanner of the 148th

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, Ida Chambers was born in Miller County, Georgia, on February 25, 1922; and

5 WHEREAS, she was one of the charter supporters of the Lee County Chamber of
6 Commerce; and

7 WHEREAS, she was instrumental in obtaining the first satellite office for voter registration
8 in Lee County; and

9 WHEREAS, she was a charter organizer of the Lee Medical Arts and Albany Primary
10 Healthcare medical facilities and has made many trips to Atlanta and Washington, D.C.,
11 lobbying for health care in the rural areas of south Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, Ida was the third woman in Georgia to serve on an electric membership
13 cooperative board, and she has served as secretary/treasurer on the board of Sumter EMC for
14 25 years; and

15 WHEREAS, she is now serving on the Lee County Utility Authority over Water and Sewage
16 and has served for nine years; and

17 WHEREAS, she represents Lee County on the Housing Authority Board; and

18 WHEREAS, she has served as the choir director and treasurer of Kinchafoonee Baptist
19 Church, and she is a former Lee County Chamber of Commerce Woman of the Year and
20 Ambassador of the Year; and

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1 WHEREAS, with the help of her husband, Bill Chambers, Sr., Ida was a driving force in the
2 creation of the Lee County Volunteer Fire Department; and

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ida Chambers has been a major contributor to the quality of life in Lee
4 County for many years and has devoted countless hours in public service, and, therefore, it
5 is only fitting that an intersection in Lee County should be named in her honor.

6 **PART II**

7 WHEREAS, Mr. James G. Crayton, Sr., started his career as a surveyor with the Georgia
8 Department of Transportation on January 1, 1947, after serving three years in the United
9 States Navy; and

10 WHEREAS, a dedicated and trusted employee, he served in this capacity in Barnesville,
11 Griffin, and Thomaston, where he was promoted to the position of Professional Bridge
12 Engineer; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Crayton retired from the department in Atlanta in 1975 as Professional
14 Bridge Engineer and Bridge Inspector after 35 years of exemplary service; and

15 WHEREAS, bridges were Mr. Crayton's passion, and his work has been the subject of many
16 civil engineering classes at various universities throughout the State of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, at one time, Mr. Crayton had designed and built more bridges throughout
18 Georgia than any other engineer; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Crayton was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and member of the
20 Zebulon community; and

21 WHEREAS, as James G. Crayton, Sr., was a dedicated engineer and public servant for the
22 Department of Transportation, it is only fitting that a bridge should be named in his honor.

23 **PART III**

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. Route 19 with Century Road in Lee County is
26 dedicated as Chambers Crossing.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on State Route 18 across Elkins Creek in
2 Zebulon, Georgia, is dedicated as the James G. Crayton, Sr. Memorial Bridge.

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

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of
8 Transportation, Mrs. Ida Chambers, and the family of Mr. James G. Crayton, Sr.