

Senate Resolution 374

By: Senator Schaefer of the 50th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending Roger Caudell and dedicating the "Roger Caudell Highway"; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Roger C. Caudell, a native of Banks County, entered the Army Air Force during
4 World War II and served as a flight engineer on the B-29 Bomber and was a member of the
5 fourth crew selected to deliver an atomic bomb upon Japan prior to its surrender; and

6 WHEREAS, he returned from serving our country to Stephens County and opened on West
7 Currahee Street, now Georgia Highway 365, a grocery, hardware, and farm supply business
8 which he and his family operated for more than 40 years; and

9 WHEREAS, during the same time he operated a poultry farm and resided beside the same
10 highway; and

11 WHEREAS, during hard times, he extended credit on a handshake to many families for
12 purchase of groceries, farm supplies, and gasoline and through his community activities
13 became widely known and respected as a generous man who loved his customers and
14 neighbors who lived beside the same road; and

15 WHEREAS, he served as a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Toccoa for more than 50
16 years and provided leadership which contributed substantially to the growth and expansion
17 of his church; and

18 WHEREAS, he served as a trustee of the Stephens County Board of Education and served
19 15 years as a board member of the Stephens County Department of Family and Children
20 Services; and

21 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in expanding the poultry industry in Stephens County and
22 for a time was the largest poultry grower in the county; and

1 WHEREAS, after the sale of his hardware, grocery, and farm supply business, he joined his
2 son in the construction of residential, commercial, and industrial properties, primarily in
3 Stephens County, and thereby added significantly to the tax base of his county; and

4 WHEREAS, he is highly respected and recognized as one of the foremost leaders in
5 Northeast Georgia and continues, at age 81, to make significant contributions to his
6 community; and

7 WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the road on which he lived and which
8 served as a connector to his neighbors and friends who experienced his lifelong influence as
9 a generous and guiding leader of his community be dedicated in his honor as a tribute to the
10 legacy of this man who loves his country, his community, and his church and who has set an
11 example through his integrity and leadership for those many friends, neighbors, and
12 recipients of his friendship and assistance.

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 GEORGIA that this body commends Roger Caudell for his service to his country, his state,
15 and his community.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia State Highway 365 extending
17 east from the Jamieson Intersection to Lake Hartwell at the South Carolina boundary be
18 dedicated as the "Roger Caudell Highway" and the Department of Transportation is
19 authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs so dedicating the highway.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
21 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Roger Caudell and the Department of
22 Transportation.