

Senate Resolution 873

By: Senators Stoner of the 6th, Wiles of the 37th, Hill of the 32nd, Rogers of the 21st and Thompson of the 33rd

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

- 1 Commending the accomplishments of Emory Parrish and dedicating the Emory Parrish
- 2 Interchange; and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Emory Parrish was born in 1929 and reared in Adel, in Cook County, Georgia;
- 4 and

- 5 WHEREAS, he was born to June Jackson Parrish and Ada Belle S. Parrish; and

- 6 WHEREAS, he went to Cook County schools and graduated from Sparks-Adel High School
- 7 in 1946; and

- 8 WHEREAS, in 1950, he married his high school sweetheart, Nelda Futch, and they have
- 9 been blessed with 55 years of marriage, two children, two grandchildren, and two
- 10 great-grandchildren; and

- 11 WHEREAS, he graduated from Georgia Tech with a degree in civil engineering and was
- 12 commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

- 13 WHEREAS, upon graduation, he went to work for the State Highway Department until being
- 14 called to active duty in July, 1951, and he spent two years in Germany while in the Army;
- 15 and

- 16 WHEREAS, he was separated from active duty in 1954 and returned to work at the State
- 17 Highway Department in Sylvester, Georgia; and

- 18 WHEREAS, he earned his Master's of Science degree in civil engineering in 1960, and in
- 19 1967 he was appointed the first deputy commissioner of the Department of Transportation,
- 20 a position he held for 13 years; and

1 WHEREAS, during his tenure at the Georgia Department of Transportation, he was involved
2 in many projects, including serving on the committee to design and create MARTA and the
3 initial traffic study that planned what eventually became I-285; and

4 WHEREAS, his military career really began with his leaving active duty in 1954, as he held
5 numerous positions and ended up serving as the Commanding General of the Army Reserve
6 Command; and

7 WHEREAS, he retired from the Georgia Department of Transportation in 1981 and from the
8 military in 1983; and

9 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a person who has served the people of Georgia, and the
10 nation, so honorably for so many years should be honored by having a major interchange on
11 a busy interstate named in his honor.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the interchange of routes I-75 and I-285
14 in Cobb County as the Emory Parrish Interchange, and the Department of Transportation is
15 authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the Emory
16 Parrish Interchange.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
18 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Emory Parrish and to the Department of
19 Transportation.