

Senate Resolution 1094

By: Senator Grant of the 25th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Celebrating the life of Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr., and dedicating the Charles S. (Buddy)  
2 Cowan, Jr. Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Charles Cowan was a native son of Georgia, born on February 10, 1923, in  
4 Baldwin County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Buddy Cowan served honorably in the United States Armed Forces from  
6 January 1943 until November 1946, including two years of service in the South Pacific; and

7 WHEREAS, Charles Cowan began employment with the State Highway Department of  
8 Georgia on March 1, 1948, and continued his career with the Georgia Department of  
9 Transportation until his retirement on August 1, 1977; and

10 WHEREAS, during his career, Charles Cowan worked on and supervised the construction  
11 of many road projects in Baldwin and other counties; and

12 WHEREAS, Charles Cowan was the Project Engineer when the State Route 22 bridge over  
13 Watson Creek was constructed; and

14 WHEREAS, said bridge is located only a few hundred feet from the home he shared with his  
15 wife and three children; and

16 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a distinguished citizen with the passing of Charles S.  
17 (Buddy) Cowan, Jr., on March 20, 2001; and

18 WHEREAS, Charles Cowan is survived by his wife, Geraldine Lynch Cowan; his son,  
19 Ronald C. Cowan; and his two daughters, Diane C. Mahlberg and Faye C. Bowen; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a man who did so much to improve the highway system in  
2 Georgia and Baldwin County have a bridge named in his honor.

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
4 GEORGIA that the bridge on SR 22 where it crosses Watson Creek in Baldwin County is  
5 dedicated as the Charles S. (Buddy) Cowan, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
7 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating such bridge.

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
9 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mrs. Geraldine Cowan, to the Baldwin  
10 County Commission, and to the Department of Transportation.