

House Resolution 1548 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Rynders of the 152<sup>nd</sup> and Hanner of the 148<sup>th</sup>

### 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

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 WHEREAS, on March 10, 2006, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most  
25 promising citizens with the untimely passing of Thomas McRae Hamilton Robinson; and

1 WHEREAS, this exceptional individual was a member of Vineville United Methodist Church  
2 and attended Stratford Academy where he was in the eighth grade and a member of the  
3 marching band; and

4 WHEREAS, Tommy lived every day with a warm smile on his face and with a desire to  
5 make everyone else's day a little bit better; and

6 WHEREAS, his many talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of  
7 vision, his warmth and kindness, and his acute sensitivity to the needs of people earned him  
8 the respect and admiration of his classmates and everyone with whom he came in contact;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, the passing of this fun loving, bright, and talented young man leaves an  
11 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family and friends; and

12 WHEREAS, the achievements, accomplishments, and life of this outstanding young man  
13 should be recognized and remembered.

14 **PART IV**

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

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

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Zebulon Road (SR 1104 TA) from the  
21 I-475 Bridge to Forsyth Road in Bibb County be dedicated as the Tommy Robinson  
22 Memorial Parkway.

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

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of

- 1 Transportation, Mrs. Ida Chambers, the family of Tommy Robinson, and the family of Mr.
- 2 James G. Crayton, Sr.