

Senate Resolution 1028

By: Senator Thompson of the 33rd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., was born in Austell, Georgia, on New Year's Day
4 in 1917; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Emory University School of Medicine, he followed in the
6 footsteps of his father and grandfather by attending to the medical needs of the citizens of
7 Austell and the surrounding area; and

8 WHEREAS, while a student at Emory, he met Gladys Elliott, a young nurse from Henry
9 County, and they fell in love and were married in June of 1941; and

10 WHEREAS, shortly after the marriage, Dr. Garrett served with the United States infantry in
11 Europe during World War II, earning several decorations, including a Bronze Star for
12 bravery while saving the life of a young soldier; and

13 WHEREAS, he returned to Austell after the war and joined his father's medical practice and
14 was thereafter elected mayor, serving from 1948 through 1950 and 1958 through 1965; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a member of several civic organizations and served as president of the
16 Austell Rotary Club, South Cobb High School PTA, and the Cobb Association of Retarded
17 Citizens; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett served with dedication at two area hospitals, Cobb General and
19 Atlanta West, and it was due to his diligence and commitment that Atlanta West Hospital
20 remained open to serve the South Cobb community; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband and father of three, Luke Glenn Garrett III of Austell,
22 Patricia A. Wilder of Lithia Springs, and Glenna Lucille Garrett of Columbia, South
23 Carolina; and

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Garrett was widely known as a humanitarian who cared more about his
2 patients than his fees and as a person who treated everyone equally and with great respect;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., was a legend that has left us with an example of a
5 life well lived in public and private service and it is only fitting that a highway should be
6 named in his honor.

7 **PART II**

8 WHEREAS, James M. Cannon, Sr., served with dedication on the City Council of Leesburg,
9 Georgia, for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Board of Directors of First State Bank of Leesburg; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a sheriff's deputy for many years when he was a younger man in Lee
12 County, Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, James M. Cannon, Sr., owned and operated a service station in the City of
14 Leesburg for many years; and

15 WHEREAS, his family owned and operated a peanut mill in Leesburg for many years; and

16 WHEREAS, he was raised in Leesburg and lived in Leesburg his entire life; and

17 WHEREAS, the current U.S. Highway 19 Bypass is constructed on a portion of James M.
18 Cannon, Sr.'s, father's farm; and

19 WHEREAS, James M. Cannon, Sr., was a dedicated family man, church man, councilman,
20 businessman, and friend to the City of Leesburg and it is only fitting that the U.S. Highway
21 19 Bypass be named in his memory.

22 **PART III**

23 WHEREAS, Houston County is the host county to Robins Air Force Base and has a long and
24 close relationship with and deep interest in the base's existence and expansion to become a
25 key installation for the United States Air Force and Department of Defense; and

1 WHEREAS, Robins Air Force Base not only attracts military and civilian workers to our
2 county and area to live, but also over 16,708 veterans, with over 1,200 having served in
3 World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, statistics show at least 1,800 World War II veterans die each day, causing our
5 nation to lose living heroes and members of what has been referred to as The Greatest
6 Generation on a daily basis; and

7 WHEREAS, all Americans owe a debt of gratitude to the men and women of our armed
8 forces who risk their lives in the defense of freedom and to secure the blessings of liberty for
9 this nation and other peoples of the world.

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PART IV

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 6 Spur, formerly known as Westside Drive, fronting the
13 Norfolk Southern rail facility, in Cobb County, is dedicated as the Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett,
14 Jr. Memorial Highway.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Leesburg U.S. Highway 19 Bypass is dedicated as
16 the James M. Cannon, Sr. Memorial Bypass.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia Highway 96 in Houston County
18 is dedicated as the Veterans Parkway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
20 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
21 resolution.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the
24 family of Dr. Luke Glenn Garrett, Jr., and to the family of James M. Cannon, Sr.