

House Resolution 1302 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Jacobs of the 80th and Millar of the 79th

A RESOLUTION

1 To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for related matters; to
2 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, news of the passing of Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr., was received by members of the
5 Oglethorpe University community with much sorrow; and

6 WHEREAS, during World War II he was a B-29 pilot in the Pacific theater where he flew
7 15 missions and named his plane the "Stormy Petrel"; and

8 WHEREAS, he owned Dixie Seal & Stamp Company; was a stockholder in the Atlanta
9 Crackers and a founding member of the Braves 400 Club; and was inducted into the Georgia
10 Sports Hall of Fame in 1992; and

11 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Oglethorpe University class of 1940 and was a loyal
12 alumnus, Trustee Emeritus, and true friend to the Oglethorpe University Community; and

13 WHEREAS, he and his wife, Jeanne Fuller Schmidt, class of 1942, had been an integral part
14 of the university for over 65 years; and

15 WHEREAS, Steve became an Oglethorpe Trustee in 1963 and served as chair from 1970
16 until 1989, and he was awarded an honorary doctorate in 1986; and

17 WHEREAS, visible reminders of the Schmidt family's great contributions to Oglethorpe
18 University include the Schmidt Residence Hall, the Schmidt Center, and the Schmidt
19 Endowed Scholarship; and

1 WHEREAS, Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr., was known as "Mr. Oglethorpe" and it is only fitting
2 and proper that this man of vision and significance be honored by dedicating a portion of the
3 highway bordering his beloved university in his honor.

4 **PART II**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16 WHEREAS, James M. Cannon, Sr., was a dedicated family man, church man, councilman,
17 businessman, and friend to the City of Leesburg and it is only fitting that the U.S. Highway
18 19 Bypass be named in his memory.

19 **PART III**

20 WHEREAS, Henry L. Howard was one of the best known and most respected businessmen
21 and elected officials in the City of Augusta; and

22 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Richmond County Board of Commissioners in 1985 and
23 served as the chairman in 1987; and

24 WHEREAS, he implemented the Richmond County Employee Incentive Program and the
25 observance of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day for county employees; and

1 WHEREAS, Henry L. Howard was elected to the Georgia State Legislature in 1990 and
2 served through 2005; and

3 WHEREAS, he was the recipient of honors which included the appointment by Governor Joe
4 Frank Harris as Lieutenant Colonel, Aide de Camp Governor's Staff in 1985, "Advocate of
5 the Year Award" presented by the CSRA Business League in 1987, the "Outstanding
6 Citizen's Award" presented by the Georgia Association of Beauty Culturist in 1987, and the
7 award for the "Regional Minority Advocate of the Year" by the Minority Business
8 Development Agency; and

9 WHEREAS, Henry L. Howard was a legend that has left us with an example of a life well
10 lived as a public servant and it is only fitting that an important highway interchange should
11 be named in his honor.

12 **PART IV**

13 WHEREAS, in 1956 the Georgia Department of Transportation hired a 25 year-old man
14 named Theodore S. McKenzie; and

15 WHEREAS, this young man began as a project engineer trainee and ended up, 30 years later,
16 retiring from the Georgia Department of Transportation with honors, receiving numerous
17 plaques and declarations of commendation; and

18 WHEREAS, Ted McKenzie, after his retirement from the Georgia Department of
19 Transportation, continued to work as a member of advisory teams representing the United
20 States Federal Highway Administration, the United States Department of Transportation, and
21 the United Nations, providing technical assistance to the highway departments in a number
22 of countries around the world; and

23 WHEREAS, Ted McKenzie has not only served his country and the State of Georgia but has
24 specifically served Glynn County in many ways, including, for example, acting in direct
25 charge of numerous grading, base, and paving projects as well as overseeing bridge projects
26 over the Turtle River and the South Brunswick River Basin, in which the foundations
27 included the first 54" and 36" diameter cylindrical pile ever used in Georgia.

28 **PART V**

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Wingate has lived a life most people can only dream of, making a
30 living in the sport he dearly loves, as fishing guide; and

1 WHEREAS, since 1957, he has owned and operated a fish camp located on Lake Seminole,
2 a camp which has gained national recognition among the best fishermen in the country as
3 "Lunker Lodge," so named because of the phenomenal successes they have recognized
4 during their stays there, thanks in part to Mr. Wingate's legendary abilities as a guide; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Wingate has almost singlehandedly been responsible for garnering for Lake
6 Seminole a national reputation as one of the country's premier fishing and hunting locations,
7 and as a result, thousands of sportsmen visit Georgia each year to fish and hunt at Lake
8 Seminole, contributing greatly to the state and local economy; and

9 WHEREAS, he has always been eager to use his tremendous talent as a fishing guide to help
10 others, and he established a camp for young people which over the past 26 years has given
11 hundreds of Georgia's youth a quality fishing experience and has started many on a lifetime
12 of enjoying the sport; and

13 WHEREAS, in recognition of his ability and his service to his fellow citizens, Mr. Wingate
14 has been inducted into the National Freshwater Fishing Hall of Fame as a Legendary Guide.

15 **PART VI**

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that that portion of SR 141 from its intersection with Hermance Drive to its
18 intersection with Lanier Drive in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Stephen J. Schmidt, Sr.,
19 Memorial Highway.

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

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange at Dean's Bridge Road and the Bobby
23 Jones Expressway (I-520) in Augusta/Richmond County is dedicated as the Henry L.
24 Howard Memorial Interchange.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Interchange of I-95 and U.S. Highway 341 in Glynn
26 County is dedicated as the Ted McKenzie Interchange.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of State Road 97 in Decatur County from
28 the U.S. Highway 84 bypass southward to the Florida state line is dedicated as the Jack
29 Wingate Highway.

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

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
5 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of
6 Transportation, Jeanne Fuller Schmidt, the family of James M. Cannon, Sr., the family of
7 Henry L. Howard, Mr. Theodore S. McKenzie, and Mr. Jack Wingate.