

## Senate Resolution 136

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd and Hamrick of the 30th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Dedicating the Emmett Henry Austin Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Emmett Henry Austin was born January 28, 1906, in Douglas County, Georgia;  
3 and
- 4 WHEREAS, on October 14, 1923, he married Lena Mae Croker of Paulding County and they  
5 then moved to Powder Springs, Georgia, where they resided until their deaths; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he sharecropped for a few years and in 1932 helped hang electrical wiring and  
7 motors when Clark Thread Company built Clarkdale Mills; and
- 8 WHEREAS, in 1935 he helped build the bridge and Highway 278 into Powder Springs and  
9 in 1938 the Highway 92 bridge in Hiram; and
- 10 WHEREAS, when the new REA was established in 1936, he worked with Glen Florence and  
11 Roy Richards to string the first wire for the community; and
- 12 WHEREAS, over the next several years he wired farmhouses too numerous to mention with  
13 the help of his 11 year-old son; and
- 14 WHEREAS, when 220 volt power became available, he rewired many of these same houses;  
15 and
- 16 WHEREAS, over his career he was an experienced electrician, plumber, mechanic, and  
17 highway and bridge builder; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he raised eight children, 16 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren,  
19 many of whom still live in the Powder Springs/Cobb County area.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 GEORGIA that the Powder Creek Bridge on C. H. James Parkway (SR 6/U.S. 278), in Cobb  
3 County, be dedicated as the Emmett Henry Austin Memorial Bridge, and that the Department  
4 of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers  
5 dedicating the Emmett Henry Austin Memorial Bridge.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
7 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Emmett Henry Austin and  
8 to the Department of Transportation.