

House Resolution 171

By: Representative Smith of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of Cason and Virginia Callaway and dedicating the Cason and Virginia
2 Callaway Conservation Highway in their memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Callaways founded Callaway Gardens in 1952 to conserve the native flora
4 and fauna of their beloved Pine Mountain region of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, almost 55 years later, millions of visitors have learned important concepts and
6 practical measures to preserve the land, water, plants, and animals that surround us; and

7 WHEREAS, the Cason Callaway Memorial Forest on SR 116 West has recently been
8 designated a federally protected forest legacy and the Callaways' log home on SR 116 West
9 is on the Georgia Registry of Historic Homes; and

10 WHEREAS, President Franklin Roosevelt was a guest of the Callaways in their home and
11 at Blue Springs, a natural cold spring that the Callaway family has kept in its natural state for
12 almost 100 years; and

13 WHEREAS, to honor the Callaways' many contributions to keeping Georgia's Pine
14 Mountain ecosystem preserved and open for all Georgians to enjoy, it is only fitting that a
15 highway should be named in their honor.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 116 West between SR 219 and Hamilton, in Harris County,
18 is dedicated as the Cason and Virginia Callaway Conservation Highway, to be known as the
19 Callaway Conservation Highway.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
21 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Cason and Virginia Callaway
22 Conservation Highway.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Callaway family and to
- 3 the Department of Transportation.