

House Resolution 414

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the SFC Nathan B. Simmons and SSGT James Q. Simmons Memorial Bridge;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Nathan and James Simmons were Georgians and brothers who proudly and
4 courageously served their country when called upon; and

5 WHEREAS, Nathan B. Simmons was born on June 10, 1929, in Appling County, Georgia;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Army, and rose to the rank of Sergeant First
8 Class; and

9 WHEREAS, he was awarded numerous honors and medals, including the Army
10 Commendation medal, Bronze Star medal for meritorious service in connection with military
11 operations against a hostile force, Vietnam Service medal, National Defense Service medal,
12 and the Soldier's Medal for pulling a panic-stricken soldier from a raging stream; and

13 WHEREAS, he was killed in action in Vietnam on May 12, 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, James Q. Simmons was born on July 22, 1930, in Nicholls, Georgia; and

15 WHEREAS, he enlisted in the United States Army and rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant
16 while serving his country in Japan, Korea, and Vietnam; and

17 WHEREAS, he was awarded numerous honors and medals, including the Bronze Star,
18 Purple Heart, Army of Occupation Medal, Korean Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal,
19 Sharpshooter Badge with Rifle Bar, and the Parachutist Badge – Master; and

1 WHEREAS, these courageous soldiers, in the spirit of the American patriot, confronted the
2 dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service with steadfast resolve, making us as
3 a nation truly proud; and

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

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
8 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the bridge on SR 221 between the city
9 limits of Douglas and SR 206 as the SFC Nathan B. Simmons and SSGT James Q. Simmons
10 Memorial Bridge; and the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place
11 and maintain appropriate markers dedicating the SFC Nathan B. Simmons and SSGT James
12 Q. Simmons Memorial Bridge.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
14 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the families of Nathan B.
15 Simmons and James Q. Simmons and to the Department of Transportation.