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House Resolution 14 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives England of the 108th and Benton of the 31st

## A RESOLUTION

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

PART I

- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter E. Elder III was born on November 26, 1938, in Barrow County,
- 4 Georgia, the son of the late Ernest and Sadie Hill Elder; and
- 5 WHEREAS, he was a devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, and uncle, a church elder
- 6 at Chapel Christian Church, and a member of the Georgia Army National Guard; and
- 7 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the Barrow County Board of Commissioners from
- 8 January, 1997, to the time of his death on February 6, 2004; and
- 9 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated citizen and leader of Barrow County, and he served the
- 10 citizens well.
- 11 PART II
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Tom Scott has long been recognized by the citizens of DeKalb County for
- 13 the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
- 14 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- WHEREAS, he faithfully represented the citizens of District 43 with utmost dedication and
- ability as a member of the Senate for eight years during which time he authored SB 372, the
- 17 Act which made the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a state holiday; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
- 19 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his 14
- 20 years of superlative service as tax commissioner of DeKalb County; and

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1 WHEREAS, in his capacity as tax commissioner, he was the epitome of forward thinking and

- 2 modernization as he reshaped DeKalb's tax office into the most computerized and
- 3 technologically advanced tax collection agency in this state; and
- 4 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity on complex social and
- 5 political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes to build coalitions and
- 6 consensus, functioning as the glue holding DeKalb County together in the face of divisive
- 7 forces, received the approval and applause of his peers who held him in such high regard;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
- and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
- 11 community have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband to his beloved wife, Jacquie, for 37 years, the devoted
- 13 father of John-Thomas, Christopher, and Susannah, and grandfather of Parker; and
- 14 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with a reputation for integrity,
- 15 intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that an interchange
- 16 should be named in his honor.
- 17 PART III
- 18 WHEREAS, Mr. Edgar Stamey was well known and well respected in the Batesville
- 19 community; and
- 20 WHEREAS, after spending his whole life in the Batesville area, he passed away in the fall
- 21 of 2003; and
- 22 WHEREAS, he spent much of his time working as the caretaker of the Baptist church
- 23 cemetery, and he also owned and operated the Batesville General Store; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mr. Stamey and his wife helped to establish the Batesville Fire Department, and
- at the age of 70, he was the oldest person in the State of Georgia to earn firefighter
- 26 certification; and
- 27 WHEREAS, he was the chaplain of the Batesville Fire Department from 1985 until his
- 28 retirement in 1992; and

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1 WHEREAS, this outstanding citizen lived a life of service to his church and his community

2 and showed the way for others to give back to the communities in which they lived.

3 PART IV

- 4 NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA
- 5 that the interchange of Georgia Highway 8 and Midland Avenue in Barrow County is hereby
- 6 dedicated as the Walter E. "Eddie" Elder Interchange in honor of the memory of this
- 7 distinguished Georgian.
- 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange located at the intersection of Memorial
- 9 Drive and I-285 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Tom Scott Interchange.
- 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intersection of SR 255 and SR 197 in Habersham
- 11 County is dedicated as the Edgar Stamey Memorial Interchange.
- 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
- directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
- 14 resolution.
- 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 16 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
- 17 Transportation, to the family of Mr. Walter E. Elder III, to the family of Mr. Tom Scott, and
- 18 to the family of Mr. Edgar Stamey.