

Senate Resolution 229

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Paul Keenan has contributed immensely to the quality of life enjoyed by the
4 citizens of Dougherty County and the City of Albany, Georgia, as a result of his
5 distinguished public service; and

6 WHEREAS, this successful businessman, attorney, and Albany native served his community
7 for 14 years as chairman of the board of commissioners of Dougherty County and four years
8 as mayor of the City of Albany; and

9 WHEREAS, throughout both periods of public service he was instrumental in improving
10 community relations, strengthening communication and cooperation between the city and the
11 county governmental authorities, and promoting local economic development; and

12 WHEREAS, his business expertise and legal knowledge have enabled him to offer valuable
13 leadership and well-reasoned solutions to various complex governmental and financial
14 problems; and

15 WHEREAS, Paul Keenan's leadership was instrumental in the construction of many highway
16 projects in the City of Albany and Dougherty County, including US 19, US 82, the Bypass,
17 Oakridge Drive, Dawson Road, Gillionville Road, and Westover Road; and

18 WHEREAS, his marriage to Lucile Dennison, a fellow law student at Emory University,
19 included rearing four accomplished children, and his public career and accomplishments
20 reflect the endorsement, admiration, and respect he has within his family and the community
21 at large.

PART II

WHEREAS, James H. Chandler, Jr., was only 33 years old when he was fatally injured in a traffic accident while he was responding to a bank alarm on his police motorcycle; and

WHEREAS, the accident occurred on September 24, 1982, at the intersection of SR 1 and Cloud Springs Road, and James died the next day from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Lakeview High School and the Floyd College Regional Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, at the time of his death, James had worked with the Fort Oglethorpe Police Department for four years, and in 1999, the police department's training facility was named in his honor; and

WHEREAS, James was often described as a big guy, with a big heart, who loved his job; and

WHEREAS, he left behind his beautiful wife Jeannie and three sons, Mark, Brian, and Sean; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the memory of James H. Chandler be perpetuated by a lasting monument to his life well-lived.

PART III

WHEREAS, The Battle of Chickamauga, named after the Chickamauga Creek which flowed nearby, was fought September 19-20, 1863, and involved more than 150,000 soldiers of the Northern and Southern Armies; and

WHEREAS, the landscape of the battle was one where neither army wanted to fight and the thick forest limited visibility to 150 feet, less than the range of a rifle, cannon were useless and often the fighting was hand-to-hand; and

WHEREAS, during the battle, soldiers were cared for in the nearby homes and adjacent buildings, with many Union doctors remaining behind to care for the wounded after the Southern victory, and many parched and wounded soldiers of both sides drank from the town's bubbling Crawfish Spring, still active today; and

1 WHEREAS, the corridors of the two highways dedicated in this resolution follow the general
2 route of march for the two armies that fought in The Battle of Chickamauga; and

3 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to honor the brave men who fought and died here with a lasting
4 memorial to their sacrifice.

5 **PART IV**

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
7 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 3 from the Mitchell/Dougherty county line (Mile Post 0)
8 north to the Dougherty/Lee county line (Mile Post 15.08), in Dougherty County, be dedicated
9 as the Paul Keenan Parkway.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the intersection of
11 SR 1 and Cloud Springs Road as the James H. Chandler, Jr. Memorial Intersection.

12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the portion of SR 341
13 from its intersection with SR 193 north to its intersection with Gordon Street in Chickamauga
14 as the Federal Army of the Cumberland Highway.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the portion of SR 1
16 from its intersection with SR 48 in Summerville north through LaFayette on US Highway
17 27/SR 1 north through Shields Cross Road, US Highway 27/SR 1, to the intersection of Old
18 LaFayette Road and Frank Gleason Highway as the CSA Army of Tennessee Highway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
20 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
21 resolution.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
23 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Paul Keenan, the family of James H.
24 Chandler, Jr., the City of Chickamauga, and the Department of Transportation.