

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HR 468:

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff D. J. Connell served Cook County as the sheriff for many years; and

4 WHEREAS, during his years of faithful service he worked diligently, above and beyond the
5 call of duty; and

6 WHEREAS, due to his hard work and dedication, the people of Cook County live in a safe,
7 secure environment; and

8 WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cook County strongly believe that Sheriff D. J.
9 Connell should be honored for his service to the community; and

10 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to recognize his years of service to Cook County and the State
11 of Georgia.

12 **PART II**

13 WHEREAS, Carl Kelly began his military career by joining the Jackson National Guard,
14 then called the Jackson Rifles, while he was still in his teens; and

15 WHEREAS, when WWII started, the Jackson National Guard was called upon to train for
16 the war in Europe and Carl Kelly was promoted to 1st Sergeant before he left for Ireland to
17 wait for the invasion at Normandy; and

18 WHEREAS, in St-Lo, France, he was wounded in action and awarded the first of his two
19 bronze stars for gallantry and a Purple Heart; and

1 WHEREAS, when the Korean Conflict began, Sgt. Kelly was immediately sent to Korea
2 where he was awarded a battlefield commission to 2nd Lieutenant after distinguishing
3 himself as a leader of men; and

4 WHEREAS, after recuperating from a wound, he returned to battle and soon after was
5 involved in a battle to save an artillery unit that had been ambushed; Lt. Kelly organized the
6 artillerymen into fighting groups and with complete disregard for his safety, led attack after
7 attack on the enemy forces; and

8 WHEREAS, his conspicuous actions served to center the enemy fire on himself, and finally
9 he was struck by enemy fire and fell mortally wounded; and

10 WHEREAS, before he died he told a friend to tell his wife and children that he loved them
11 very much and would see them in Heaven someday; and

12 WHEREAS, Lt. Kelly was in the military service for 11 years and received three Purple
13 Hearts, three Bronze Stars, and a Silver Star, as well as many other service medals.

14 **PART III**

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 GEORGIA that members of this body commemorate the years of faithful service of Sheriff
17 D. J. Connell and dedicate the portion of SR 41 in Cook County from mile marker 0 to mile
18 marker 10 as the Sheriff D. J. Connell Memorial Highway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 16 East from the railroad tracks to the
20 Jackson city limits, in Butts County, be dedicated as the Lt. Carl Kelly Memorial Highway.

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

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
26 Transportation, to the family of Sheriff D. J. Connell, and to the family of Lt. Carl Kelly.