

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, the veterans of service in the United States military have given of their time,
14 energy, and sometimes their lives to secure the blessings of freedom for all the citizens of
15 this great country; and

16 WHEREAS, the sacrifices these great men and women have made to protect our nation
17 should never be taken for granted or allowed to fade into distant memory; and

18 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a lasting tribute to memorialize the unselfish patriotism of
19 these special men and women should be created to perpetuate the memory of their great
20 sacrifices to protect our freedom.

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PART III

2 WHEREAS, Fred DeLoach, Jr., was born on May 17, 1929, in Valdosta, Georgia, to Fred
3 DeLoach, Sr., and Cobbie Pedrick DeLoach; and

4 WHEREAS, he attended Central Grammar, Valdosta Junior High, and Valdosta High School
5 and graduated from Gordon Military High School in 1944; and

6 WHEREAS, he continued his education at the University of Georgia and graduated with a
7 Bachelor of Science degree in 1947; and

8 WHEREAS, Fred DeLoach, Jr., served as the chairman of the group that brought Gold Kist
9 to Lowndes County; and

10 WHEREAS, he owned and operated DeLoach Hardware from 1956 to 1990 and also did
11 some farming; and

12 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the Lowndes County Board of Commissioners from
13 1976 to 1992, and during this time, he also served as president of the Association County
14 Commissioners of Georgia, chairman of the Board of Community Affairs, and as a member
15 of Governor Joe Frank Harris's Growth Strategies Commission; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a member of the First Baptist Church, the Valdosta Country Club, the Elks
17 Club, and the Chamber of Commerce; and

18 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that Fred DeLoach, Jr., be honored for his many contributions
19 to his state and community by having a road dedicated in his honor.

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PART IV

21 WHEREAS, Charles Ray King was born in Waycross, Georgia, on March 27, 1949, the only
22 son of Henry King, Jr., and Rosa Lee Turner King, and was a 1967 graduate of Ware County
23 High School; and

24 WHEREAS, he lived in the Dixie Union area of Ware County where he worked on his
25 father's farm; and

26 WHEREAS, he was drafted in 1969 and was sent to serve in Vietnam in 1970 where, on
27 April 26, 1970, he was killed in action; and

1 WHEREAS, as a result of his gallantry and devotion to duty, he received the Bronze Star
2 with an oak leaf cluster along with the Purple Heart, the Good Conduct Medal, the Combat
3 Infantryman Badge, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, and
4 the Vietnam Campaign Medal; and

5 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy toward
6 the betterment of his community, state, and nation; and

7 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
8 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
9 nation earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

10 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
11 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that the
12 bridge over the Satilla River on State Route 4/U. S. Route 1 in Ware County should be
13 named in his honor.

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PART V

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 GEORGIA that the portion of SR 41 in Cook County from mile marker 0 to mile marker 10
17 is dedicated as the Sheriff D. J. Connell Memorial Highway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 7 in Lowndes County and the City of
19 Valdosta which was formerly known as Inner Perimeter Road and which runs from the
20 intersection of said route with North Valdosta Road, thence generally eastward, thence
21 generally southward, and thence generally southwestward to the intersection of said route
22 with Madison Highway is dedicated as Veterans Memorial Parkway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 94 from Perimeter Road in Lowndes
24 County, Georgia, to the Echols County line is dedicated as the Fred DeLoach, Jr. Highway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over the Satilla River on State Route 4/U. S.
26 Route 1 in Ware County is dedicated as the Charles Ray King Memorial Bridge.

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

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 Department of
3 Transportation, to the family of Sheriff D. J. Connell, to Fred DeLoach, Jr., and to the family
4 of Charles Ray King.