

Senate Resolution 1055

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th and Tate of the 38th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Joel A. Katz is considered to be a definitive leader in the field of entertainment
4 law; and

5 WHEREAS, more than 30 years ago, he founded Katz, Smith & Cohen, which became one
6 of the nation's largest entertainment law firms; and

7 WHEREAS, his earliest clients included James Brown and a then unknown Willie Nelson
8 and the client roster grew to include B.B. King, George Strait, Jimmy Buffet, Sheryl Crow,
9 Sammy Hagar, Kenny Chesney, Alan Jackson, James Taylor, Josh Groban, and Brooks and
10 Dunn; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1998, he merged his firm with the international law firm Greenberg Traurig
12 and took on the position of co-managing shareholder of the Atlanta office; and

13 WHEREAS, Katz also serves as a music industry representative for the State of Georgia
14 Film, Video, and Music Advisory Commission, appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1995, he was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame as the first and
16 only attorney ever to receive that honor; and

17 WHEREAS, in 2002, he received the "Heroes Award" from the Atlanta chapter of The
18 Recording Academy and *Georgia Trend* magazine named him as one of the 100 most
19 influential Georgians; and

20 WHEREAS, Katz received his law degree from the University of Tennessee in 1969 and in
21 1999, the newly constructed law library was named in his honor.

PART II

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WHEREAS, Jere C. Ayers, a lifelong resident of Madison County, died on May 13, 2005, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, "Mr. Jere," as he was known to all, was a uniquely dedicated and valued citizen of Madison County whose contributions to the public good and civic life of the county are too numerous to list in their entirety; and

WHEREAS, among Mr. Jere's accomplishments are his service in the United States Navy during World War II; his lifelong work in journalism, beginning with his employment as a youth at *The Comer News*, which his parents purchased in 1914 and of which he became owner and publisher in 1945, and his later service as the owner and publisher of Madison County Newspapers, Inc., *The Comer News*, and the *Danielsville Monitor*; his dedication to the Meadow Baptist Church where he served over 50 years as a deacon and 23 years as Sunday school director; his over 50 years of service as a Mason, Scottish Rite and York Rite; his 67 years with the Woodsmen of the World; his charter membership in the Madison County Rotary Club; his membership in the American Legion since World War II; his charter membership in the Comer Lions Club which honored him with its 50 Year Award; his service as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives in the 1950's; being the recipient of the 50 Year Medallion from the Georgia Press Association for 50 years of service to the newspaper industry; his service as a board member of the Madison County Library until his retirement; and his critical role in the acquisition of the Watson Mill Bridge State Park land; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jere will be greatly missed by the citizens of Madison County for the vital role that he played in the county and for his stellar example of public service and commitment; and

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

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 nation earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
2 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that a
3 lasting memorial should be named in his honor.

4 Celebrating the life of Mason Varner and dedicating a highway in his memory; and for other
5 purposes.

6 WHEREAS, Mason Varner was born on May 8, 1932, in Macland Community. He spent
7 his entire life in Macland, with the exception of four years he spent in the United States Coast
8 Guard. One of his lifelong friends, Clint Carlile, said Mason could not wait to get back to
9 Macland every chance he got while in the service; and

10 WHEREAS, Mason attended McEachern School and graduated in 1949. Six high school
11 friends and Mason joined the Coast Guard in 1952 for a four-year stint; and

12 WHEREAS, Mason met Ann Greenway, a teacher at McEachern School, and they were
13 married on March 4, 1956, and had three children, Melinda, Teri, and John. Ann passed
14 away in 2001; and

15 WHEREAS, after Mason was discharged from service and returned to Macland, he started
16 Varner's Ace Hardware store at the intersection of Macland and New Macland-Lost
17 Mountain Roads. He and Ann operated the store for approximately 20 years. He was a great
18 businessman; and

19 WHEREAS, Varner's store at Macland became a community institution, and all types of
20 local, state, and national political discussions were held there; and

21 WHEREAS, fishing was a passion for Mason and he spent many days and nights on a lake
22 with friends, and some of his favorite memories after retirement were from his cabin on Lake
23 Weiss in Alabama; and

24 WHEREAS, Mason was a lifetime member of McEachern United Methodist Church and
25 supported its many programs. He was also a member of Austell Post #216 of The American
26 Legion; and

1 WHEREAS, Mason passed away on November 13, 2007, surrounded by his children,
2 grandchildren, brother, sister, nieces, nephews, and many friends. It was exactly as he would
3 have wanted it.

4 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 GEORGIA that the members of this body express their sincerest condolences to the family
6 and friends of Mason Varner upon his passing.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a portion of Macland Road, SR 360, from the Paulding
8 County line into Cobb County and ending at John Petree Road be dedicated as the Mason
9 Varner Memorial Highway.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
11 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Mason Varner and the
12 Department of Transportation.

13 **PART III**

14 WHEREAS, the American Camellia Society has been in existence for over 60 years and is
15 recognized as the leading camellia organization in the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the Executive Director, Sandra Byrd, the staff, and the National Board of the
17 American Camellia Society are proud of the contributions of all who have given of their time
18 and support to the facility since its establishment in 1968 through a generous gift of 160 acres
19 by the late Dr. Dave Strother; and

20 WHEREAS, the purposes of this nonprofit corporation, as stated in its articles of
21 incorporation, are to promote interest in the genus *Camellia L.*, scientific research in its
22 culture, standardization of its varietal names, certification of new varieties, dissemination of
23 information concerning the above, creation of a foundation to further these purposes, and
24 promotion of the organization and affiliation of local Camellia Societies in the United States;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, the mission of the American Camellia Society is to be a self-sufficient, national
27 membership society committed to continually building its membership through offering
28 world-class products, leading in camellia research and education, and being supported by
29 efficient and effective organizational systems; and

1 WHEREAS, the American Camellia Society also owns and maintains a self-sufficient, public
2 garden at Masee Lane in Fort Valley, Georgia, serving camellia lovers nationally as well as
3 residents of the region and tourists; and

4 WHEREAS, during its 40 years of existence at Masee Lane Gardens, the society has
5 provided a public garden, which has enriched the lives of countless Georgians and tourists
6 who have visited the grounds in Peach County.

7 **PART IV**

8 WHEREAS, the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Nevada, and Arizona have
9 already dedicated the portions of US 80 within their borders in honor of the veterans of the
10 Korean War; and

11 WHEREAS, US 80 runs from Columbus to Savannah, spanning the entire state of Georgia;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of men and women served in the Korean War and over
14 34,000 died and over 100,000 were wounded in combat; and

15 WHEREAS, despite the bitter cold and torturous terrain, these young Americans were the
16 first to stand up against the threat of Communism; and

17 WHEREAS, many citizens of the State of Georgia bravely fought in the Korean War,
18 proudly serving their country as members of the armed forces, with many suffering injury
19 and loss of life and limb as a result of their service; and

20 WHEREAS, Georgia takes great pride in these brave and honorable men and women who
21 demonstrated their love for this country through their service; and

22 WHEREAS, the many Georgia veterans who served in the armed forces of this nation during
23 the Korean War distinguished themselves and contributed substantially to this state in other
24 ways as well; and

25 WHEREAS, this tribute to Georgia's Korean War veterans is long overdue and it is only
26 fitting that this state honor them with this lasting memorial.

PART V

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2 WHEREAS, Justice Clarence Thomas was born June 23, 1948, in Pin Point, Georgia, an
3 enclave of 500 inhabitants south of Savannah on the Moon River. Named after the plantation
4 that once stood on the land, Pin Point was divided up after the Civil War and given to the
5 former slaves. It is easy to miss the tiny community where Clarence Thomas once lived;
6 however, there is a sign at the turnoff noting that he was born there; and

7 WHEREAS, Justice Thomas was the second child and first son of Leola Williams and M. C.
8 Thomas. His father abandoned the family when Thomas was two. After the wooden house
9 they lived in burned down and their mother remarried, Thomas and his brother went to live
10 with their grandfather, Myers Anderson, in Savannah; and

11 WHEREAS, Anderson had a profound influence on Thomas's upbringing and character. In
12 a time when African Americans were forced to the backs of buses, banned from restaurants,
13 and denied employment opportunities, Anderson decided the only way to beat racism was
14 to work for himself. As a result, he was able to provide his grandsons with a comfortable
15 home, including things most people take for granted, such as three meals a day and indoor
16 plumbing; and

17 WHEREAS, Anderson admonished his grandsons to work hard in school. After school,
18 Thomas and his brother worked for their grandfather making fuel deliveries. Thomas often
19 recalls how his grandparents had impressed on him that "school, discipline, hard work and
20 'right-from-wrong' were of the highest priority"; and

21 WHEREAS, Justice Thomas married Virginia Lamp, May 30, 1987, and they had one child,
22 Jamal Adeen; and

23 WHEREAS, after high school, he attended Conception Seminary, 1967-1968; Holy Cross
24 College, A.B. cum laude, Alpha Sigma Nu, Purple Key; and Yale Law School, J.D., 1974;
25 and

26 WHEREAS, he was nominated by President Bush as Associate Justice of the United States
27 Supreme Court and took oath of office October 23, 1991; and

28 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that Justice Clarence Thomas, who rose from humble
29 beginnings through hard work and discipline, be honored for his great achievements.

PART VI

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2 WHEREAS, PFC Robert Adrian Worthington, 19, of Jackson, Georgia, was assigned to the
3 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade
4 Combat Team), based in Fort Lewis, Washington; and

5 WHEREAS, he died on May 22, 2007, in Taji, Iraq, of wounds sustained when an
6 improvised explosive device detonated near his unit; and

7 WHEREAS, this courageous soldier, in the spirit of the American patriot, confronted the
8 dangers, privations, and discomforts of wartime service with steadfast resolve, making us as
9 a nation truly proud; and

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

PART VII

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14 WHEREAS, William Harvey Jewell, Sr., served in the United States Army and was a combat
15 veteran of the Korean War; and

16 WHEREAS, William Harvey Jewell, Sr., was awarded two Bronze Star Medals, the Korean
17 Service Medal, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge for his service in Korea; and

18 WHEREAS, following the Korean war, he returned to this area and served as Chief of Police
19 in Willacoochee and Pearson before his passing in 1992; and

20 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor William Harvey Jewell, Sr., for his service
21 to the United States of America and the State of Georgia by the naming of a lasting memorial
22 in honor and memory of his service.

PART VIII

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24 WHEREAS, Shellie W. Parrish was born in Berrien County, married Lena Taylor of Berrien
25 County, raised his family in Berrien County, and lived his entire life in Berrien County until
26 his passing on June 20, 1970; and

27 WHEREAS, as a young farmer he employed good business practices and hard work to
28 become one of the largest farmers in Berrien County; and

1 WHEREAS, he was a very successful farmer, but he was humble and charitable; and

2 WHEREAS, although he was encouraged by friends and neighbors, he never sought public
3 office, but he was always a leader and a pillar of his community; and

4 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Shellie W. Parrish for his exemplary life
5 and service as a husband, father, and citizen of Berrien County with the naming of the SR 37
6 bridge on the Willacoochee River in his memory.

7 **PART IX**

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Lucious Murphy Jacobs has been an unselfish citizen of Berrien County
9 with an unwavering commitment to helping others in both Berrien and Atkinson counties;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jacobs has faithfully served the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons
12 of Georgia for 50 years, having served as Worshipful Master three times in his local lodge
13 and served in each position of leadership in that lodge at least once; and

14 WHEREAS, as a Shriner, he is known throughout his community by the annual orange and
15 grapefruit fund raiser to benefit the Shrine Hospitals; and

16 WHEREAS, he has also served as Fire Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department in his
17 community and participated in numerous community service projects providing leadership
18 and unselfish service to many good causes; and

19 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Mr. Lucious Murphy Jacobs for his
20 exemplary life and service as an unselfish and caring citizen of Berrien County by the
21 naming of the US 82/SR 520 bridge on the Willacoochee River in his honor.

22 **PART X**

23 WHEREAS, Virgil T. Barber served in the Third Chemical Battalion assigned to the Third
24 Army, United States Army, from October 17, 1940, until March 26, 1945; and

25 WHEREAS, Virgil T. Barber served as a medical technician and served in the Sicilian
26 campaign, the Italian campaign, and in France and Germany; and

1 WHEREAS, he was wounded on January 9, 1944, with a compound fracture in his right leg;
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3 WHEREAS, Virgil T. Barber was awarded the American Defense Service Medal, the Silver
4 Star, the Purple Heart, the European African Medal, and the Eastern Theatre Medal; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Virgil T. Barber for his service to the
6 United States of America, the State of Georgia, and Berrien County with the naming of the
7 SR 125 bridge on the Willacoochee River in honor of his service.

8 **PART XI**

9 WHEREAS, Hubert F. Comer served in the United States Navy and was assigned to the USS
10 *Rich*, a destroyer escort during the Normandy invasion in June 1944; and

11 WHEREAS, the USS *Rich* hit three German mines off the Normandy coast two days after
12 the Normandy invasion; and

13 WHEREAS, Hubert F. Comer was listed among the missing, and his body was never
14 recovered; and

15 WHEREAS, Hubert F. Comer was awarded the American Area Campaign Medal, the
16 European-African-Middle Eastern Area Campaign Medal, and the Purple Heart; and

17 WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Hubert F. Comer for his service and
18 ultimate sacrifice in that service to the United States of America, the State of Georgia, and
19 Berrien County by the naming of the SR 37 bridge on Cat Creek in honor and memory of his
20 service and sacrifice.

21 **PART XII**

22 WHEREAS, William J. Livsey was born June 8, 1931, at Clarkston, Georgia, where he
23 attended the public schools and there distinguished himself in scholastics and athletics; and

24 WHEREAS, after graduating from Clarkston High School he attended North Georgia
25 College where he further excelled scholastically and athletically, and he completed the
26 Reserve Officer Training Corps curriculum, graduating in June 1952, whereupon he was
27 commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

1 WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, he served as a platoon leader in the Korean War, earning the
2 Silver Star for gallantry in action; and

3 WHEREAS, he continued to distinguish himself in his military career seeing further combat
4 duty in Viet Nam as Commander of an infantry battalion; rising through every level of
5 command position while serving in the United States and in four subsequent overseas tours,
6 and culminating his career with assignment as Commander in Chief, United Nations
7 Command/Commander in Chief, Combined Forces Command/Commander, United States
8 Forces, Korea/Commanding General, Eighth United States Army; and

9 WHEREAS, his military education included completion of the Army's Command and
10 General Staff College (where he was first in his class), the Armed Forces Staff College, and
11 the Army War College; and

12 WHEREAS, awards and decorations received by him also include the Defense Distinguished
13 Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service
14 Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with
15 "V" Device, and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device (with two Oak Leaf
16 Clusters); and

17 WHEREAS, General Livsey retired in 1987 after attaining the rank of four-star General, one
18 of only four Georgians ever to be so recognized by the United States Army; and

19 WHEREAS, after his retirement General Livsey served the people of our state as a member
20 of the Board of Trustees of North Georgia College and State University, his alma mater; and

21 WHEREAS, throughout his career of service around the world, General Livsey continually
22 maintained his home in our State of Georgia, residing today at his residence in Fayette
23 County with his wife Bena Sue Burns Livsey, originally of East Point; and

24 WHEREAS, General Livsey is credited with being among the first, if not the first, to remind
25 us that "Freedom is not Free"; and

26 WHEREAS, the life of unselfish service of General William J. Livsey has been dedicated to
27 securing and preserving the blessing of freedom to the people of the United States of
28 America, bringing honor and pride to his native State of Georgia.

PART XIII

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2 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan was born on March 17, 1919, in Taylor County, Georgia to
3 William and Jewell Callahan; and

4 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan graduated from Butler High School and continued his
5 education at Georgia Southwestern College and the University of Georgia Cotton
6 Classification School; and

7 WHEREAS, he was drafted in 1941, entered the Army, and was assigned to U.S. Army Air
8 Corps, where he was trained as an air traffic controller and stationed at Pacos Army Air Field
9 in Texas; and

10 WHEREAS, as World War II came to a close Sergeant Callahan was shipped to Madison,
11 Wisconsin to be discharged, and as was the custom there, while waiting for their official
12 discharge soldiers were permitted to go into town each day and earn extra income; on one
13 such day Sergeant Callahan took a construction job and while more than 13 floors up, an act
14 of God caused a gust of wind that blew a sheet of plywood into Sergeant Callahan causing
15 him to fall over the edge of the building to his death; and

16 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan was in uniform and still a soldier in the Army at the time of
17 his accident, and he is believed to be the only fatal casualty in south Taylor County during
18 World War II.

PART XIV

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20 WHEREAS, Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows was born December 8, 1926, in Meriwether
21 County, Georgia; he was the son of James Alvin and Mozelle Wise Meadows; and

22 WHEREAS, he was a lifelong resident of Manchester, Georgia, and retired after a successful
23 career as the president of the Meadows Companies, which included Meadows Motors, Inc.,
24 Meadows Ford, Inc., Meadows Insurance Agency, Smith-Steele Meadows Funeral Home,
25 and Meadows Farms; and

26 WHEREAS, for most of his life, Nookie took an active interest in his community and its
27 citizens, relentlessly volunteering his time and energy so that others might experience a better
28 quality of life, and he built a viable business network that provided local employment and
29 stimulated economic growth that benefited the lives of many people throughout the
30 community and state; and

1 WHEREAS, he served as Representative of House District 91 from 1987 until 1992; and

2 WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Georgia
3 State University Foundation Fund, and the Columbus Bank and Trust Advisory Board; a past
4 president of the Manchester Industrial Corporation; a member of the Meriwether County
5 Chamber of Commerce; a past president of the Kiwanis Club, where he held perfect
6 attendance for 43 years; a member of the committee to save the Georgia Warm Springs
7 Foundation, now the RWSIR; chairman and chairman emeritus of the Roosevelt Warm
8 Springs Rehabilitation Fund from 1986 to 1992; a past president of the Roosevelt Warm
9 Springs Development Fund; a past president of the Manchester Jaycees; a member of the
10 Stephens Lodge #586 of the Free and Accepted Masons, the AL Sihah Shrine Temple, the
11 Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and the Pontiac Masters; a recipient
12 of the Chevrolet Supremacy for over 22 years, the Honorary State Trooper award, the Flying
13 Colonel award, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, and the
14 James T. Evans Rotary Award for Community Service; a member of the Manchester School
15 Board, the Advisory Board of the Bank of Upson, and the Georgia Baptist Meriwether
16 Hospital and Nursing Home Board; and he spearheaded the relocation of Horizon Medical
17 to Manchester; and

18 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to celebrate the life of this Georgian and to
19 recognize his great contributions to this state and to his community by dedicating the
20 Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows Memorial Highway in his memory.

21 **PART XV**

22 WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Douglas Young served with the Georgia State Patrol from
23 1985 until his death in 2006 at the age of 47; and

24 WHEREAS, he succumbed to injuries sustained in an automobile accident on I-95, in Glynn
25 County, Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, he was responding to a call to assist another officer who was involved in a
27 vehicle pursuit when the tragic accident occurred; and

28 WHEREAS, Corporal Young is survived by his wife, Martha; his daughters, Morgan and
29 Mickey; his granddaughter, Mikale; and his grandson, Maguire; and

1 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting to honor Corporal Young's courageous service to
2 the people of Georgia by dedicating a road in his memory.

3 **PART XVI**

4 WHEREAS, James Roy "Pop" Lewis will always be remembered by the citizens of Lincoln
5 County for his many contributions to the community and to the world of bluegrass and
6 gospel music; and

7 WHEREAS, he was born in Pickens, South Carolina, on September 22, 1905, and at the age
8 of five years old, he moved to Lincoln County, Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, on October 25, 1925, at the age of 20, he eloped with the former Pauline
10 Holloway with whom he had eight children; and

11 WHEREAS, through his leadership, The Lewis Family, also known as the "First Family of
12 Bluegrass Gospel," moved from singing on front porches in the late 1940's to performing in
13 such places as the Lincoln Center in New York City; the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville,
14 Tennessee; and the Baird Auditorium at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, D.C.; and

15 WHEREAS, The Lewis Family holds the record for the longest running gospel music show
16 in America, airing for 38 years from 1954 to 1992 on WJBF in Augusta, Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Pop Lewis received numerous awards including his induction into the Georgia
18 Music Hall of Fame in 1992, his induction into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall
19 of Fame in 2000, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the International Bluegrass
20 Music Association in 2001, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from *SGN Scoops*
21 *Magazine*; and

22 WHEREAS, on the sad day of March 24, 2004, at the age of 98, Mr. Lewis departed this life.

23 **PART XVII**

24 WHEREAS, PFC David G. Bryan was killed in action in Pleiku, Republic of South Vietnam,
25 on June 11, 1966; and

26 WHEREAS, he was a soldier in Company C, Second Battalion of the 28th Infantry; and

1 WHEREAS, he is believed to be the first soldier from Lumpkin County, Georgia, killed in
2 action in Vietnam; and

3 WHEREAS, he was born on January 5, 1946, and was raised along the portion of road now
4 to be dedicated in his honor; and

5 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to honor the memory of this courageous young man who went
6 to war to defend freedom and liberty for all Americans.

7 **PART XVIII**

8 WHEREAS, during the summer of 1864, six hundred Federal officers, prisoners of war, were
9 placed in a residential area of Charleston, South Carolina, which was being shelled by
10 Federal guns, night and day, since August of 1863; and

11 WHEREAS, in retaliation for erroneously alleged abuse of these Federal prisoners by
12 Confederate authorities, on August 25, 1864, six hundred Confederate prisoners of war were
13 selected from those confined at Fort Delaware to be used as human targets; and

14 WHEREAS, the six hundred Confederate prisoners were placed in a pine-wood stockade
15 immediately in front of a military target, Battery Wagner, occupied by Federal artillery; and

16 WHEREAS, after 45 days of exposure to Confederate fire, there being no casualties, the
17 Federal authorities decided to move the Confederates to Fort Pulaski in Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, while at Fort Pulaski, the remnant of the six hundred who had been determined
19 to be physically able to be moved were fed wormy corn meal, pickles, and limited amounts
20 of water. The men were intentionally starved. Clothing and blankets were withheld as well
21 as firewood for warmth. It was one of the coldest winters in Georgia in many years; and

22 WHEREAS, the Confederates were consistently promised "fair" treatment if they would sign
23 the oath of allegiance to the United States. These men had sworn an oath of allegiance to the
24 Confederate States of America, their country, and the war was still being waged. They
25 endured abuse that is hard to imagine; and

26 WHEREAS, upon completion of the War Between the States and the release of what was left
27 of the six hundred by July 24, 1865, their story was being told by survivors and witnesses.

1 They became known as "The Immortal Six Hundred" for their courage, strength, and fidelity
2 to their country in the face of brutal retaliation for an alleged abuse that did not exist; and

3 WHEREAS, in 1876, the *Southern Historical Society Papers* contained the following
4 statement by Captain George W. Nelson of the Hanover Artillery of Virginia in honor of The
5 Immortal Six Hundred:

6 "The consequence of all this was that the prisoners died like sheep. Whatever the
7 immediate cause of their death, that cause was induced by starvation, and over the
8 dead bodies of nine-tenths of those brave, true men there can be given but one true
9 verdict: 'Death by starvation.'"

10 **PART XIX**

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 GEORGIA that the portion of US 41 from West Paces Ferry Road to Moores Mill Road in
13 Fulton County be dedicated as the Joel A. Katz Parkway.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Route 98 in Madison County from the traffic light
15 at the intersection with State Route 72 in the City of Comer to the traffic light at the
16 intersection with U. S. Highway 29 in the City of Danielsville is dedicated as the Jere Ayers
17 Parkway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, in recognition of 40 years of service, the facility known
19 as American Camellia Society Headquarters located in Fort Valley, Georgia, shall serve as
20 the official state resource center for information and education on the horticultural aspects
21 of the genus *Camellia* and the Department of Transportation is hereby authorized and
22 directed to place and maintain appropriate signs so designating said facility.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of US 80 located within the state of Georgia
24 be dedicated as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway, and the Department of
25 Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers in
26 Columbus, Macon, and Tybee Island, Georgia, dedicating the Korean War Veterans
27 Memorial Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the interchange at the
29 intersection of Interstates 16 and 95 in Chatham County as the Clarence Thomas Interchange.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the portion of SR 81
2 between its intersections with US 19/41 and SR 3, in Henry County, as the PFC Robert
3 Adrian Worthington Memorial Highway.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Alapaha River on US 82 on the
5 Berrien-Atkinson County line, is dedicated as the William Harvey Jewell, Sr. Memorial
6 Bridge.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Willacoochee River on SR 37 in
8 Berrien County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Shellie W. Parrish Memorial Bridge.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Willacoochee River on US 82/SR 520
10 in Berrien County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Lucious Murphy Jacobs Bridge.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at the Willacoochee River on SR 125 in
12 Berrien County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Virgil T. Barber Bridge.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at Cat Creek on SR 37 in Berrien County,
14 Georgia, is dedicated as the Hubert F. Comer Memorial Bridge.

15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 314 North running from its
16 intersection with SR 85 and running northerly to the Fayette County line shall be dedicated
17 as the General Bill Livsey Highway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over the CSX Railroad located in Rupert,
19 Taylor County, Georgia, between mile markers North 5.3 and South 5.2 on US 19/SR 3 be
20 dedicated as the SGT. William Morgan Callahan Memorial Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 85 East between Manchester and
22 Woodbury in Meriwether County, Georgia, be dedicated as the Leonard R. "Nookie"
23 Meadows Memorial Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of I-95, in Glynn County, between exits 29
25 and 36, including milepost 29, be dedicated as the Corporal Michael Douglas Young
26 Memorial Highway.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 378 in Lincoln County, Georgia,
2 between the city limits of the City of Lincolnton and the Wilkes County boundary, be
3 dedicated as the James Roy "Pop" Lewis Memorial Highway.

4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 115 starting at its intersection with
5 Emory Stephens Road and extending easterly to the White/Lumpkin County line is dedicated
6 as the PFC David G. Bryan Memorial Highway.

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
8 directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
9 resolution.

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body memorialize the bravery and
11 loyalty of The Immortal Six Hundred in the face of indescribable deprivation and
12 inhumanity.

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of the road at the intersection of US 80 and
14 County Road 228 (Fort Pulaski Road) for one-half mile in each direction on US 80 be
15 dedicated as The Immortal Six Hundred Memorial Highway.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
17 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to Joel
18 A. Katz, to the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, to the American Camellia
19 Society, to the Korean War veterans organizations within Georgia, to Justice Clarence
20 Thomas, to the family of Robert Adrian Worthington, to the family of William Harvey
21 Jewell, Sr., to the family of Shellie W. Parrish, to Lucious Murphy Jacobs, to Virgil T.
22 Barber, to the family of Hubert F. Comer, to General Bill Livsey, to the family of Sergeant
23 William Morgan Callahan, to the family of Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows, to the family of
24 Corporal Michael Douglas Young, to the family of James Roy "Pop" Lewis, and to the
25 family of PFC David G. Bryan.