

House Resolution 1779

By: Representative Carter of the 159th

A RESOLUTION

1 Memorializing the life of Christmas Moultrie and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie was born a slave on Mulberry Grove Plantation on
4 Christmas Day, 1863; and

5 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie was the last child born into slavery on Mulberry Grove
6 Plantation; and

7 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie lived most of his life on the Plantation as a renowned
8 Savannah River market hunter; and

9 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie's expertise as a market hunter is documented in a book
10 entitled *Ward Allen, Savannah River Market Hunter* by John Eugene Cay, Jr., copyright
11 1958; and

12 WHEREAS, Mulberry Grove Plantation was where President George Washington stayed
13 during his only visits to Georgia in the 1790's as the guest of Catherine Greene, the widow
14 of the Revolutionary War hero, General Nathaniel Greene; and

15 WHEREAS, Christmas Moultrie's grave is located outside Port Wentworth, Georgia, in
16 historic Cherokee Hill Cemetery; and

17 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the life of Christmas Moultrie be memorialized by
18 dedicating an interchange in his honor.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
20 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life of Christmas Moultrie by dedicating

1 the entire north and south interchange at I-95 and SR 21 in Port Wentworth, Georgia, as the
2 Christmas Moultrie Interchange.

3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
4 directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this
5 resolution.

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
7 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the North Port Wentworth
8 Citizens Council and the Department of Transportation.