

Senate Resolution 1055

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

AS PASSED

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

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

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

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

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

27 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
28 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his
29 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 **PART III**

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

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

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

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

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

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

27 **PART IV**

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

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

3 WHEREAS, hundreds of thousands of men and women served in the Korean War and over
4 34,000 died and over 100,000 were wounded in combat; and

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

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

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

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

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

17 **PART V**

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

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

27 WHEREAS, Anderson had a profound influence on Thomas's upbringing and character. In
28 a time when African Americans were forced to the backs of buses, banned from restaurants,

1 and denied employment opportunities, Anderson decided the only way to beat racism was
2 to work for himself. As a result, he was able to provide his grandsons with a comfortable
3 home, including things most people take for granted, such as three meals a day and indoor
4 plumbing; and

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

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

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

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

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

18 **PART VI**

19 WHEREAS, PFC Robert Adrian Worthington, 19, of Jackson, Georgia, was assigned to the
20 4th Battalion, 9th Infantry Regiment, 4th Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division (Stryker Brigade
21 Combat Team), based in Fort Lewis, Washington; and

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

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

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

4 **PART VII**

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

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

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

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

14 **PART VIII**

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

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

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

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

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

PART IX

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2 WHEREAS, Mr. Lucius Murphy Jacobs has been an unselfish citizen of Berrien County with
3 an unwavering commitment to helping others in both Berrien and Atkinson counties; and

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

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

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

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

PART X

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

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

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

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

PART XI

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

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

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

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

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

PART XII

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

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

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

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

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

4 WHEREAS, awards and decorations received by him also include the Defense Distinguished
5 Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service
6 Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with
7 "V" Device, and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device (with two Oak Leaf
8 Clusters); and

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

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

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

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

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

21 **PART XIII**

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

24 WHEREAS, Sergeant Callahan graduated from Butler High School and continued his
25 education at Georgia Southwestern College and the University of Georgia Cotton
26 Classification School; and

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

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

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

13 **PART XIV**

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

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

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

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

26 WHEREAS, he was a member of the National Automobile Dealers Association, the Georgia
27 State University Foundation Fund, and the Columbus Bank and Trust Advisory Board; a past
28 president of the Manchester Industrial Corporation; a member of the Meriwether County
29 Chamber of Commerce; a past president of the Kiwanis Club, where he held perfect
30 attendance for 43 years; a member of the committee to save the Georgia Warm Springs

1 Foundation, now the RWSIR; chairman and chairman emeritus of the Roosevelt Warm
2 Springs Rehabilitation Fund from 1986 to 1992; a past president of the Roosevelt Warm
3 Springs Development Fund; a past president of the Manchester Jaycees; a member of the
4 Stephens Lodge #586 of the Free and Accepted Masons, the AL Sihah Shrine Temple, the
5 Elks Lodge, the Moose Lodge, the American Legion, and the Pontiac Masters; a recipient
6 of the Chevrolet Supremacy for over 22 years, the Honorary State Trooper award, the Flying
7 Colonel award, the Manchester Chamber of Commerce Community Service Award, and the
8 James T. Evans Rotary Award for Community Service; a member of the Manchester School
9 Board, the Advisory Board of the Bank of Upson, and the Georgia Baptist Meriwether
10 Hospital and Nursing Home Board; and he spearheaded the relocation of Horizon Medical
11 to Manchester; and

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

15 **PART XV**

16 WHEREAS, Corporal Michael Douglas Young served with the Georgia State Patrol from
17 1985 until his death in 2006 at the age of 47; and

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

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

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

24 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting to honor Corporal Young's courageous service to
25 the people of Georgia by dedicating an interchange on I-95 in his memory.

26 **PART XVI**

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

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

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

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

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

11 WHEREAS, Pop Lewis received numerous awards including his induction into the Georgia
12 Music Hall of Fame in 1992, his induction into the Southern Gospel Music Association Hall
13 of Fame in 2000, the Distinguished Achievement Award from the International Bluegrass
14 Music Association in 2001, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from *SGN Scoops*
15 *Magazine*; and

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

17 **PART XVII**

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

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

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

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

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

PART XVIII

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2 WHEREAS, Bobby Staton was born in Rabun County, Georgia, and was raised in Clayton,
3 Georgia; and

4 WHEREAS, he began his career with the Georgia State Patrol on July 7, 1968, and retired
5 as a senior trooper on June 1, 2000, after 32 years of excellent service; and

6 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated trooper and a good and honest man; and

7 WHEREAS, Bobby was a master mason in Blue Ridge Lodge # 67 and was a member of the
8 Blue Ridge First Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a wonderful father and husband and leaves behind his beautiful wife,
10 Claudia Cannon Staton, and their two children, son Cole Staton and daughter Shannon
11 Staton; and

12 WHEREAS, Bobby Staton passed away on July 2, 2002, from cancer; and

13 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to dedicate a lasting memorial in honor of his life well lived and
14 his tireless service to the people of Georgia.

PART XIX

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16 WHEREAS, Cleon Baker McCranie was born on May 22, 1919, to his proud parents, George
17 Flowers McCranie, Jr., and Margaret Ellen Baker McCranie; and

18 WHEREAS, he was married on March 4, 1950, to Alice Nell McCranie, and they had two
19 children, Margaret (Peggy) Ann McCranie and James (Jim) Baker McCranie; and

20 WHEREAS, he attended school at Willacoochee Elementary and Willacoochee High School
21 and furthered his education at Gordon Military College; and

22 WHEREAS, his business background included tree farming, turpentine farming, and working
23 in a partnership with his brothers; and

24 WHEREAS, Cleon was inducted into the United States Army on April 15, 1942, at Fort
25 McPherson, Georgia, and served during World War II; and

1 WHEREAS, he served as a Technician 5th Grade in the Headquarters Battery of the 563rd
2 Field Artillery Battalion, and he was one of the first soldiers to cross the Rhine River and
3 enter Germany; and

4 WHEREAS, Cleon told his son, Jim, that he once was the front man in a Jeep that led his
5 battalion through a German mine field; he was under the command of General George S.
6 Patton, and was ordered to "Just drive down that road until you get blown up"; and

7 WHEREAS, he received many citations during his service, including a WWII Victory
8 Medal, the Bronze Star, the American Theater Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal,
9 and a Purple Heart; and

10 WHEREAS, he received an Honorable Discharge on December 22, 1945, and returned to his
11 home and family where he lived a full life until he passed away on March 23, 1977.

12 **PART XX**

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Shackelford is a native of Carroll County, Georgia, where he
14 attended the public schools; and

15 WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture from Berry College and
16 went on to graduate work at the University of Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, in 1991, he was named by the State Transportation Board as the Commissioner
18 of the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

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20 WHEREAS, as commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation, he played an
21 important role in the transportation, well-being, and quality of life of all Georgians; and

22 WHEREAS, under his leadership, the Georgia Department of Transportation completed the
23 Commuter Rail Study in 1995 and the Intercity Rail Study in 1997; and he preserved
24 essential freight rail corridors by acquiring ten rail lines totaling 281 miles and rehabilitating
25 12 rail lines totaling 251 miles; and

26 WHEREAS, he fostered the development of the most comprehensive traffic and incident
27 management system in the world in time for the Centennial Olympic Games; and

1 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the development of a unified transportation system in
2 counties for nonemergency medical transportation as well as playing a key role in the
3 purchase of transit coaches and bus related facilities for Georgia's major transit systems; and

4 WHEREAS, he challenged Georgia DOT personnel to reduce their single occupancy vehicle
5 commute rate in the metropolitan Atlanta area by 20 percent for the entire smog season, and
6 those employees surpassed their goal two years in a row; and

7 WHEREAS, his service as chairman of the Intelligent Transportation Society of America,
8 chairman of the Executive Committee of the Transportation Research Board, and president
9 of the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the
10 Southeastern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials gave Georgia great
11 respect in the U.S. Congress and in the executive branch, and Georgia benefited financially
12 therefrom; and

13 WHEREAS, given his many contributions to the State of Georgia it is the desire of the
14 General Assembly to find a concrete expression for its gratitude, and it is only fitting and
15 proper that he be recognized for his outstanding accomplishments and dedication in serving
16 the citizens of our great state.

17 **PART XXI**

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard Rogers Youngblood was born in Banks County, Georgia, on
19 May 2, 1927, and moved to the City of Madison in Morgan County, Georgia, when he was
20 12 years old; and

21 WHEREAS, at the age of 17, he entered the Merchant Marines as a seaman for two years,
22 returning to Morgan County in 1946 to begin his career with the Georgia Department of
23 Transportation as a resident engineer; he later served as head of the Maintenance Department
24 for the Georgia Department of Transportation in Morgan County; and

25 WHEREAS, he began his dairy operation and became a member of the Dairy Association
26 in 1953, and he became director of the Morgan County Farm Bureau in 1955, a position he
27 held until his retirement from the board in 2007; and

28 WHEREAS, he has served on the board of the American Dairymen Association and the
29 board of DHIA and was recognized as the Soil Conservation Man of the Year and the
30 Georgia Distinguished Cooperator; and

1 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted over 62 years to being a
2 successful dairy farmer and an employee of the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

3 WHEREAS, he is a devoted husband to his wife, Mary Elizabeth Morris, and a devoted
4 father, grandfather, and great-grandfather; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Youngblood has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
6 vital role that he has played in community leadership and his deep personal commitment to
7 his community and this state; and

8 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
9 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

10 **PART XXII**

11 WHEREAS, William "Billy" L. Powell, Jr., began working with the Georgia Department of
12 Transportation in 1963, and he worked his way up the ladder from engineering aide to
13 transportation engineer II; and

14 WHEREAS, he retired in 1996 after 34 years of faithful service, after which he worked with
15 CPI Construction Company and Zel Engineers; and

16 WHEREAS, his first love in life was his family, his dear wife, Mary Alice, and his two
17 daughters, and they were always on his mind, and his second love was fishing; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Powell was tragically killed by an unknown gunman a few days before
19 Thanksgiving, 2005; and

20 WHEREAS, he is remembered in his community as a man of strong family values and moral
21 fiber.

22 **PART XXIII**

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

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Route 98 in Madison County from the traffic light
27 at the intersection with State Route 72 in the City of Comer to the traffic light at the

1 intersection with U. S. Highway 29 in the City of Danielsville is dedicated as the Jere Ayers
2 Parkway.

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

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of US 80 located within the State of Georgia
9 be dedicated as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway, and the Department of
10 Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers in
11 Columbus, Macon, and Tybee Island, Georgia, dedicating the Korean War Veterans
12 Memorial Highway.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange on I-95 at the intersection with US 17
11 at Exit 29, in Glynn County, be dedicated as the Corporal Michael Douglas Young Memorial
12 Interchange.

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

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

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Lake Burton on US 76 be dedicated as
20 the Bobby Staton Memorial Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the westbound lane of the westernmost bridge over the
22 Alapaha River on SR 82 at the Atkinson and Berrien County line as the Cleon Baker
23 McCranie Memorial Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the interchange at I-85 and SR 316, in Gwinnett County,
25 Georgia, is dedicated as the Wayne Shackelford Interchange.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on US 441 over Sandy Creek in Morgan
27 County be dedicated as the Howard Rogers Youngblood Bridge.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on State Route 104 at the Augusta Canal in
2 Richmond County is designated as the William "Billy" L. Powell, Jr., Bridge.

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

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
7 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to Joel
8 A. Katz, to the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, to the American Camellia
9 Society, to the Korean War veterans organizations within Georgia, to Justice Clarence
10 Thomas, to the family of Robert Adrian Worthington, to the family of William Harvey
11 Jewell, Sr., to the family of Shellie W. Parrish, to Lucius Murphy Jacobs, to Virgil T. Barber,
12 to the family of Hubert F. Comer, to General Bill Livsey, to the family of Sergeant William
13 Morgan Callahan, to the family of Leonard R. "Nookie" Meadows, to the family of Corporal
14 Michael Douglas Young, to the family of James Roy "Pop" Lewis, to the family of PFC
15 David G. Bryan, to the family of Robert "Bobby" Carroll Staton, to the family of Cleon Baker
16 McCranie, to Mr. Wayne Shackelford, to Mr. Howard Rogers Youngblood, and to the family
17 of William "Billy" L. Powell, Jr.