

House Resolution 1478

By: Representative Holt of the 112<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Walter Curtis Butler, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Walter Curtis Butler, Jr., was born on December 12, 1943, in Morgan County,  
4 Georgia, and passed away on August 1, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, he was a proud product of Morgan County public schools and graduated from  
6 Pearl High School, and he resided in Morgan County his entire life and was the first African  
7 American elected official in Morgan County; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a Morgan County Commissioner for over 25 years and served as  
9 vice chair for many years; and

10 WHEREAS, Walter Curtis Butler, Jr., was a member of the NAACP for over 40 years, was  
11 the founder of the Morgan County Branch of the NAACP, served as president of the Georgia  
12 State Conference of the NAACP for 12 years, and was a Golden Heritage Life member of  
13 the national association; and

14 WHEREAS, he was, despite his most humble and unassuming manner, a widely-known and  
15 highly-respected Civil Rights pioneer and leader not just in Madison, Morgan County, and  
16 throughout the State of Georgia, but also in the states contiguous to Georgia; and

17 WHEREAS, Walter Curtis Butler, Jr., in his many years of service as a leader in the NAACP  
18 and as a Morgan County Commissioner, was a member of and garnered numerous accolades  
19 from various civic and public organizations including the Georgia Association of Black  
20 Elected Officials; Association County Commissioners of Georgia (ACCG); State  
21 Commission on Martin Luther King, Jr., Holiday; Criminal Justice Coordinator Council

22 (2002-2006), where he served as Governor Roy Barnes' appointee; Morgan County Hospital  
23 Authority; and the Morgan County Civil League, just to name a few; and

24 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to dedicate a bridge as a lasting memorial to his  
25 accomplishments.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
27 GEORGIA that the bridge on US 441 South over I-20 at Exit 114 is dedicated as the Walter  
28 Curtis Butler, Jr. Memorial Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Walter Curtis Butler, Jr.  
31 Memorial Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Walter Curtis  
34 Butler, Jr., and the Department of Transportation.