

House Resolution 1513

By: Representative Hudson of the 124<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Dr. George Franklin Green and the Little Family and dedicating a bridge in their  
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 **Dr. George Franklin Green**

4 WHEREAS, George Franklin Green was born on September 27, 1924, in Bostwick, Georgia,  
5 the eldest son of Rice Burkitt Green, Jr., and Rubye Riden Green; and

6 WHEREAS, he married the former Helen Montine Maxwell of Lexington, Georgia, on June  
7 4, 1944, and from this marriage were born three children: George Franklin Green, Jr. of  
8 Sparta, Georgia, Helen "Sistie" Claudia Green Hudson, also of Sparta, Georgia, and Wallace  
9 Maxwell Green of Peachtree City, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, George Green graduated from Bostwick High School in 1941, and North  
11 Georgia College in 1947 and he went on to graduate from the Medical College of Georgia  
12 in 1951; and

13 WHEREAS, in between times during his college career, he pulled two hitches in the Army,  
14 one from 1943-1946 as an infantry captain in the Pacific Theatre, and re-enlisted in 1951  
15 during the Korean conflict and served until 1953 in the medical corps at Ft. Rucker,  
16 Alabama, and Ft. Sam Houston in San Antonio, Texas, also completing his internship at this  
17 time; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1953, a classmate, Dr. David Tanner, brought him to Sparta, Georgia, to join  
19 his practice and Dr. Green practiced medicine in Sparta and Eatonton continuously until he  
20 suffered a stroke in 1991; and

21 WHEREAS, not only was Dr. Green busy in his practice but he was also busy in civic affairs  
22 and the political arena, and among his many accomplishments, he was a Charter Fellow of

23 the American Academy of Family Physicians, lifetime member of the American, Southern,  
24 and Georgia Medical Associations, Chief of Staff of Hancock Memorial and Putnam General  
25 Hospitals, Deacon of the Sparta Baptist Church, a Mason, Shriner, Director of the Boy  
26 Scouts of America Council, President of the Hancock Redevelopment Corporation, Director  
27 of the Bank of Hancock County, Chairman of the Putnam and Hancock County Boards of  
28 Health, Member of the Georgia State Board of Nursing Home Administrators, Chairman of  
29 the Hancock Hospital Corporation, Alderman and later Mayor of the City of Sparta, Hancock  
30 County Commissioner, and member of the Georgia House of Representatives from  
31 1987-1991; and

32 WHEREAS, Dr. Green's practice and his love of Hancock County, Georgia, remain  
33 legendary to this day and he was well-known for his "bedside manner", his "good-listening  
34 ear", and his genuine respect for his patients; and

35 WHEREAS, he particularly loved bringing new life into the world and as best as can be  
36 determined, he delivered 14,000 babies during his almost 40 year practice.

37 **The Little Family**

38 WHEREAS, in 1860, Kitchen "Don't Call Me Chicken" Little of Putnam County owned  
39 almost 4,000 acres of land bordering the Oconee River in the Rockville District; and

40 WHEREAS, he farmed the land and raised a family of 11 children; and

41 WHEREAS, another member of the family, Milt "I'll Try A" Little started operating a ferry  
42 after General Sherman tore down the only bridge in the area and he operated the ferry boat  
43 himself and charged passengers a toll; and

44 WHEREAS, the ferry was very popular because it was the straightest route between Atlanta  
45 and Augusta; and

46 WHEREAS, in 1925, the state took over the ferry and operated it until a new bridge was built  
47 in the late 1940's; and

48 WHEREAS, when the bridge was finished "Little's Ferry" ceased to operate after a run of 85  
49 years; and

50 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Dr. George Franklin Green and the Little  
51 Family be memorialized by dedicating a bridge in their memory.

52 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
53 GEORGIA that this body hereby joins in honoring Dr. George Franklin Green and the Little  
54 Family and dedicates the bridge over the Oconee River on Georgia Highway 16 connecting  
55 Hancock and Putnam Counties as the Little's Ferry/George F. Green Memorial Bridge.

56 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
57 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Little's Ferry/George F. Green  
58 Memorial Bridge.

59 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
60 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Little family, the family  
61 of George F. Green, and the Department of Transportation.