

House Resolution 1685

By: Representatives Jones of the 46th, Martin of the 47th, Wilkinson of the 52nd, Geisinger of the 48th, Smith of the 113th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and expressing appreciation to the Honorable Mark Burkhalter and dedicating
2 a portion of a road in his honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mark Burkhalter is a distinguished native son of the State of Georgia, born in
4 Atlanta and raised in Alpharetta; and

5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Milton High School and earned two B.A. degrees from the
6 University of Georgia where he served as President of the International Relations Club and
7 as Chair of the University's Model United Nations Delegation, leading that organization to
8 two national titles; and

9 WHEREAS, after college he worked for several years at the United States Capitol and then
10 returned to Atlanta, where he began a long and successful career in real estate development
11 as the principal of Burkhalter Realty and Akin Properties; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been an active participant and leader in community and professional
13 activities too numerous to list and is widely known and respected in the Johns Creek area;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1992 and has served
16 in this body with dedication and distinction continuously since; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Burkhalter served as Administration Floor Leader for Governor
18 Sonny Perdue and was later elected as Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives
19 in 2005, serving in that capacity until January of 2010 when he briefly succeeded to the
20 office of Speaker of the House, making him one of the few Georgians in history to have held
21 that high office; and

22 WHEREAS, all of the members of this House who have been privileged to serve with
23 Representative Burkhalter respect him for his great abilities, his tireless devotion to the
24 betterment of the State of Georgia, and his many outstanding legislative accomplishments.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 GEORGIA that the members of this body do hereby join in recognizing and expressing
27 appreciation to the Honorable Mark Burkhalter.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 141 from the Gwinnett County line
29 to the Forsyth County line in Fulton County be dedicated as the Mark Burkhalter Parkway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Mark Burkhalter Parkway.

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 Mark Burkhalter and the
34 Department of Transportation.