

Senate Resolution 1075

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd, Bulloch of the 11th and Heath of the 31st

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, the Battle of Chickamauga, named after the Chickamauga Creek which flowed
4 nearby, was fought September 19-20, 1863, and involved more than 150,000 soldiers of the
5 Northern and Southern armies; and

6 WHEREAS, the landscape of the battle was one where neither army wanted to fight, and the
7 thick forest limited visibility to 150 feet, less than the range of a rifle; cannon were useless,
8 and often the fighting was hand-to-hand; and

9 WHEREAS, during the battle, soldiers were cared for in the nearby homes and adjacent
10 buildings, with many Union doctors remaining behind to care for the wounded after the
11 Southern victory, and many parched and wounded soldiers of both sides drank from the
12 town's bubbling Crawfish Spring, still active today; and

13 WHEREAS, the corridor of the highway dedicated in this resolution follows the general
14 route of march for the army that fought in the Battle of Chickamauga; and

15 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to honor the brave men who fought and died here with a lasting
16 memorial to their sacrifice.

17 **PART II**

18 WHEREAS, the Honorable Frank Milton Gleason served with distinction in various
19 leadership roles in Walker and surrounding counties in Northwest Georgia; and

20 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in establishing several banks in the area, including the
21 Rossville Bank; and

22 WHEREAS, he also served as the county attorney for Catoosa, Dade, and Walker counties;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Mr. Gleason's accomplishments be publicly
25 recognized.

26 **PART III**

27 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing
28 of Mr. Eli Robert "E. R." Bates, Jr., on October 28, 2008; and

29 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was born in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of the late Robert Bates,
30 Sr., and Lois Hilderbrand Bates; and

31 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty during World War
32 II, and upon his return home he took over his father's business, Bates Hardware Company,
33 where he worked until his retirement in 1973; and

34 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was active in his trade, belonging to associations such as the Atlanta
35 Retail Hardware Association and the National Retail Hardware Association, and served as
36 president of the Northside Business Association and the Georgia-Florida Retail Hardware
37 Association; and

38 WHEREAS, in honor of his 50 years of dedicated service to the hardware industry, Mr. Bates
39 was awarded the prestigious Gold Hammer; and

40 WHEREAS, he was devoted to his community and served as a civic leader as a member of
41 the Cartersville Chamber of Commerce, the Mason Lodge, the Yaraab Shrine Temple, and
42 the Elks Lodge #1969; and

43 WHEREAS, Mr. Bates was united in love and marriage for 59 years to his lovely wife
44 Wynell Hogeland Bates, and he was surrounded by the love of his daughter and son-in-law,
45 Linda and Chuck Walker; his adoring grandchildren, Tony, Kristy, and Christopher; and his
46 delightful great-granddaughters, Kayla and Ashlyn; and

47 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated provided the
48 foundation and framework of success in which all of his family members have developed and
49 flourished; and

50 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Bates will long be remembered for his
51 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, neighbor, and friend will be
52 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him and it is only fitting that a permanent
53 memorial be established in his memory.

54 **PART IV**

55 WHEREAS, George Edward Goare was born April 21, 1937, in Webster County and served
56 the county as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Richard Johnson from June, 1965, until he won
57 election as sheriff in November, 1972; and

58 WHEREAS, George Edward was a devoted sheriff and worked to keep the peace and help
59 others in need throughout his career; and

60 WHEREAS, he was a devoted family man and was very proud of his wife, Sandra, and twin
61 sons, Mike and Mitch; and

62 WHEREAS, he graciously served Preston Methodist Church where he was a Sunday school
63 teacher and enjoyed leading the singing each Sunday; and

64 WHEREAS, George Edward was an enthusiastic supporter of the Georgia Sheriff's Boys
65 Ranch in Hahira, Georgia; and

66 WHEREAS, the citizens of Webster County have hung a portrait of George Edward in the
67 courthouse in appreciation of his service to the county; and

68 WHEREAS, Sheriff George Edward Goare was killed in the line of duty on April 11, 1985;
69 and

70 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that this man of service be honored with a lasting memorial to
71 his life well lived.

72 **PART V**

73 WHEREAS, in the early 1940's, Roy Varner migrated from Franklin County to Newton
74 County, where he met his future wife of 66 years Charlyne Aaron; and

75 WHEREAS, the couple has two children, Anita Varner and Aaron Varner, two
76 grandchildren, Ginger Johnson and Tuesday Rawls, and four great-grandchildren, Skye and
77 Jonathan Johnson and Jet and Riley Rawls; and

78 WHEREAS, Roy says he was born a farmer and will die a farmer, but he realized by the
79 1970's that small-scale farming could not support a family and he gave up farming and
80 entered his second career; and

81 WHEREAS, in 1977, he was elected chairman of the Newton County Board of
82 Commissioners, where he served until 1992; and

83 WHEREAS, his goal was to make Newton County a better place for his grandchildren and
84 great-grandchildren to live; and he viewed his role as that of a public servant, not a politician,
85 and felt that the best government occurred when cities and the county cooperated to achieve
86 common goals; and

87 WHEREAS, during Roy Varner's years in office, great progress was made in Newton County
88 and he attributes this success to the support given by the voters of Newton County to the
89 Board of Commissioners when they approved the special purpose local option sales tax and
90 a general obligation bond; and

91 WHEREAS, he viewed the passage of the two financial bills as proof that the voters had
92 confidence in his administration's ability to improve conditions for all of the county; and

93 WHEREAS, among the achievements the county reached during Roy Varner's 16 years of
94 service were the Cornish Creek Reservoir, a project that included the efforts of leaders in
95 Walton County, the City of Covington, and Newton County, which had many naysayers who
96 said that the reservoir would never be built, but Roy and others believed in the project that
97 was finished within five years, giving a ready source of water to the residents of the area;
98 obtaining the right of way and building Georgia Highway 613, which is referred to locally
99 as "the bypass road"; purchasing modern equipment for the roads department in order to
100 provide better road maintenance capabilities for the county; providing fire trucks and
101 firefighters for each district of the county – in 1977, Newton County had one fire truck and
102 one fireman; constructing a building in which county-wide animal control was housed;
103 building a new jail; and establishing a retirement system for all county employees; and

104 WHEREAS, he served on many committees, including the Association County
105 Commissioners of Georgia, the Water and Soil Conservation Board, the Georgia Finance
106 Authority, Operation Round Up, and the Regional Conservation and Development Council;
107 and

108 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to the accomplishments of Roy
109 Varner and his family be established.

110 **PART VI**

111 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of her finest citizens with the passing of J. Sid
112 Garner on February 19, 2010; and

113 WHEREAS, born in Oxford, Mississippi, on February 22, 1925, Sid was a United States Air
114 Force officer whose military career included service in World War II, the Korean Conflict,
115 and the Vietnam War; and

116 WHEREAS, this epitome of the true Southern gentleman provided invaluable support and
117 advice to all who sought his wise counsel; and

118 WHEREAS, Sid was a devout Christian and an elder of Trinity Presbyterian Church in
119 Covington, Georgia; and

120 WHEREAS, the loss of this esteemed man of integrity, fortitude, and faith leaves a great void
121 in the hearts of his family and friends, whose lives were all the better for having known,
122 loved, and been loved by J. Sid Garner.

123 **PART VII**

124 WHEREAS, in 1981, Stanley K. Tanger began construction on the 50,000 square foot phase
125 of Burlington Manufacturer's Outlet Center (BMOC) off Interstate 85 in Burlington, North
126 Carolina, and it was the first-of-a-kind strip shopping center with brand-name factory outlet
127 stores; and

128 WHEREAS, in 1993, Tanger became the first outlet center developer to be listed on the New
129 York Stock Exchange as a publicly traded Real Estate Investment Trust (REIT); and

130 WHEREAS, in 1995, Tanger was the first developer to implement a money-back low price
131 guarantee program for its customers; and

132 WHEREAS, Tanger is celebrating over 28 years as a leading developer of manufacturers'
133 outlet centers with the nation's premier brand name and designer outlet stores, and in 2008,
134 Tanger welcomed over 150 million shoppers to its centers; and

135 WHEREAS, the people in Locust Grove, Georgia, and Henry County truly appreciate the
136 outstanding corporate citizenship of this great company and appreciate the economic activity
137 and jobs that the company brings to the area.

138 **PART VIII**

139 WHEREAS, in 1969, a group of young but already seasoned and incredibly talented
140 musicians, including guitarist Duane Allman, bassist Berry Oakley, vocalist and organist
141 Gregg Allman, guitarist Dickey Betts, percussionist Butch Trucks, and percussionist Jaimoe,
142 formed the Allman Brothers Band and established the band's home in Macon; and

143 WHEREAS, at now legendary jam sessions at their initial base on College Street, their later
144 home at the "Big House" on Vineville Avenue, and other locations in and around Macon,
145 including Rose Hill Cemetery and a farm known as Idlewild South, the band fused elements
146 of blues, jazz, rock, and country music to create a musical genre now known and loved as
147 "southern rock" and became one of the most exciting groups of performers ever to take the
148 stage; and

149 WHEREAS, the incomparable and wide-ranging talents, creativity, inspiration, soulfulness,
150 and dedication of the Allman Brothers Band remain evidenced in legacies of live
151 performances and studio recordings of such songs and compositions as "Statesboro Blues,"
152 "Dreams," "Midnight Rider," "Whipping Post," "In Memory of Elizabeth Reed," "Mountain
153 Jam," "Blue Sky," "Melissa," "One Way Out," "Hot 'Lanta," and "Little Martha"; and
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155 WHEREAS, Duane Allman's all too brief life was tragically ended at age 24 by a motorcycle
156 accident on a street in Macon on October 29, 1971; and

157 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that his life and memory be honored by this state
158 and in the community which the band graced with their gifts and spirits.

159 **PART IX**

160 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
161 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the portion of SR 1 from its intersection
162 with SR 48 in Summerville north through LaFayette on US Highway 27/SR 1 north through

163 Shields Cross Road, US Highway 27/SR 1, to the intersection of Old LaFayette Road and
164 Frank Gleason Highway as the CSA Army of Tennessee Highway.

165 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and public
166 service of the Honorable Frank Milton Gleason and dedicates the intersection at Long
167 Hollow Road and US 27/SR 1 as the Frank M. Gleason Memorial Intersection.

168 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their sincerest
169 condolences to the family and friends of Mr. Eli Robert "E. R." Bates, Jr. upon his passing
170 and that the bridge on SR 113 at the Etowah River just west of Cartersville be dedicated as
171 the E. R. Bates Memorial Bridge.

172 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory
173 of Sheriff George Edward Goare and dedicates the bridge on US 280/SR 27 in Webster
174 County over Lanahassee Creek as the Sheriff George Edward Goare Memorial Bridge.

175 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in recognizing the
176 accomplishments and public service of Roy Varner and dedicates the portion of SR 36 from
177 Henderson Mill Road to SR 212 in Newton County as the Roy and Aaron Varner Highway.

178 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body express their sincerest
179 condolences to the family and friends of J. Sid Garner on his passing and that a portion of
180 Georgia Highway 36 from its intersection with State Route 212 to the Newton/Butts County
181 line be dedicated as the J. Sid Garner Memorial Highway.

182 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in recognizing the outstanding
183 contributions of Tanger Outlet Center and dedicates the portion of I-75 in Henry County
184 from one mile north of Exit 212 to one mile south of Exit 212 as the Tanger Outlet Center
185 Highway.

186 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of State Highway 19 from its intersection
187 with Pio Nono Avenue to its intersection with New Street in the City of Macon is dedicated
188 as Duane Allman Boulevard.

189 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
190 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
191 resolution.

192 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
193 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, the City
194 of Chickamauga, the family of Frank M. Gleason, the family of E. R. Bates, the family of
195 Sheriff Goare, Roy and Aaron Varner, the family of J. Sid Garner, the manager of the
196 Tanger Outlet Center, and the family of Duane Allman.

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