

## House Resolution 167

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 23<sup>rd</sup>, Amerson of the 9<sup>th</sup>, and Knox of the 24<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of Judge Richard S. (Stan) Gault and dedicating an interchange in his  
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Richard S. Gault was a distinguished Georgian and highly  
4 respected jurist who will long be remembered as the patriarch of the courts of Forsyth  
5 County, as well as a trusted advisor, confidant, and friend to the legal community; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Gault died suddenly on July 23, 2003; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated from Marietta High School, was a cadet at the United States Air  
8 Force Academy, served four years in the Air Force, was honorably discharged with the rank  
9 of captain in 1971, and he earned his Juris Doctorate from the Emory University School of  
10 Law; and

11 WHEREAS, he served six years as an Assistant and Special Assistant Attorney General of  
12 Georgia, six years as solicitor and four years as judge of the State Court of Cherokee and  
13 Forsyth Counties, and 14 years as judge of the Superior Court of the Blue Ridge Circuit; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Gault worked tirelessly to ensure that the judicial needs of the citizens  
15 of Georgia and fast-growing Forsyth County were met, and his work was vital to the  
16 formation of the Bell-Forsyth Judicial Circuit in 1998; and

17 WHEREAS, his keen intellect, integrity, and skill in communicating the needs of the judicial  
18 branch earned him the esteem of his colleagues on the bench and the respect and admiration  
19 of members of the executive and legislative branches of state government, as exemplified by  
20 his membership on the Chief Justice's Commission on Professionalism from 1997-2002 and  
21 on the Supreme Court Blue Ribbon Commission on the Judiciary; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Gault was a dedicated leader in his community as a member of First  
23 Baptist Church of Cumming and president of his Unity Sunday School Class, and he was a  
24 charter member of the Forsyth County Rotary Club, an organizer in the Charter Class of  
25 Leadership Forsyth, and served as director of the Cumming-Forsyth Chamber of Commerce;  
26 and

27 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting that the memory of Judge Gault be honored by  
28 dedicating a lasting memorial to his life of service to his community and to the State of  
29 Georgia.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
31 GEORGIA that the members of this body dedicate the interchange at GA 400 and SR 20 in  
32 Forsyth County as the Judge Richard S. (Stan) Gault Memorial Interchange.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Judge Richard S. (Stan) Gault  
35 Memorial Interchange.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
37 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Judge Gault.