

Senate Resolution 507

By: Senator Chapman of the 3rd

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Celebrating the life of James H. "Jimmy" Middleton and dedicating a road in his memory;  
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Jimmy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar P. Middleton in 1937 and he grew up  
4 in Waverly, Georgia, as the youngest of three children; and

5 WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement in 1959 and served as chief deputy  
6 under Sheriff W. E. "Willie" Smith for 18 years before becoming the Sheriff of Camden  
7 County; and

8 WHEREAS, as sheriff from 1977 to 1985, he understood that being effective in his position  
9 required a close partnership with the community, and his legacy as a compassionate and  
10 hands-on sheriff will be remembered by many people for many years; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as sheriff during a time when your nearest backup might be a county  
12 away; and

13 WHEREAS, his service to his community went beyond being sheriff, as he also served as  
14 county commissioner and on various boards; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1957, Jimmy married Anne Rentz, and they were blessed with three children  
16 and, in turn, five grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, true to his nature, Jimmy was a giving and compassionate man and his friends  
18 looked to him for leadership, guidance, and support, and he was respected and loved by  
19 countless people in the community; and

20 WHEREAS, he will be remembered for his loyal dedication to his family and his  
21 commitment to the citizens of Camden County.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 GEORGIA that the members of this body celebrate the life of James H. "Jimmy" Middleton  
24 and dedicate the portion of SR 25/US 17 within the limits of the Ocean Highway in Camden  
25 County, beginning at Oscar Road (CR 266 at MP 22.12) and ending at the County Line  
26 Bridge (MP 31.56) as the Sheriff Jimmy Middleton Memorial Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sheriff Jimmy Middleton  
29 Memorial Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
31 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to  
32 the family of Sheriff Jimmy Middleton.