

Senate Resolution 176

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, James H. Chandler, Jr., was only 33 years old when he was fatally injured in
4 a traffic accident while he was responding to a bank alarm on his police motorcycle; and

5 WHEREAS, the accident occurred on September 24, 1982, at the intersection of SR 1 and
6 Cloud Springs Road, and James died the next day from his injuries; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a graduate of Lakeview High School and the Floyd College Regional
8 Police Academy; and

9 WHEREAS, at the time of his death, Mr. Chandler had worked with the Fort Oglethorpe
10 Police Department for four years, and in 1999, the police department's training facility was
11 named in his honor; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Chandler was often described as a big guy, with a big heart, who loved his
13 job; and

14 WHEREAS, he left behind his beautiful wife Jeannie and three sons, Mark, Brian, and Sean;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, it is only fitting that the memory of James H. Chandler, Jr., be perpetuated by
17 a lasting monument to his life well-lived.

18 **PART II**

19 WHEREAS, MSG Davy Weaver, a soldier in the Georgia Army National Guard from
20 Barnesville, Georgia, was killed while riding in a vehicle that was struck by an improvised
21 explosive device in Qalat, Afghanistan, on May 18, 2008; and

22 WHEREAS, he was born on February 8, 1969, to Patsy Rabuck and Emory Weaver; and

23 WHEREAS, as a youth, he served his community as a Cub, Boy, and Eagle Scout, and
24 naturally, he fell in love with the military as a young man; and

25 WHEREAS, MSG Weaver enlisted in the Georgia Army National Guard on March 25, 1987,
26 as an infantry soldier, and he completed Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training
27 at Fort Benning, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, on May 11, 2005, he was ordered into active service in support of Operation
29 Iraqi Freedom, and he was stationed in Kuwait and Iraq and spent a year supporting that
30 mission; and

31 WHEREAS, in May, 2007, he was sent with members of the 48th Brigade Combat Team to
32 Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

33 WHEREAS, MSG Weaver was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge in September,
34 2007, for his actions under enemy fire and rocket attack in Afghanistan; and

35 WHEREAS, he loved his family dearly and loved his job and mission in Afghanistan; and

36 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife, Susan, his children Bradley, Malachi, and Ellanor,
37 and his step-daughters Jennifer and Mary A. Morris; and

38 WHEREAS, MSG Weaver will be forever remembered as a true hero and professional
39 soldier, and it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial be dedicated in his honor.

40 **PART III**

41 WHEREAS, the Battle of Chickamauga, named after the Chickamauga Creek which flowed
42 nearby, was fought September 19-20, 1863, and involved more than 150,000 soldiers of the
43 Northern and Southern Armies; and

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

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

51 WHEREAS, the corridor of the highway dedicated in this resolution follows the general
52 route of march of the US Army of the Cumberland that fought in the Battle of Chickamauga;
53 and

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

56 **PART IV**

57 WHEREAS, Mason Varner was born on May 8, 1932, in Macland Community. He spent
58 his entire life in Macland, with the exception of four years he spent in the United States Coast
59 Guard. One of his lifelong friends, Clint Carlile, said Mason could not wait to get back to
60 Macland every chance he got while in the service; and

61 WHEREAS, Mason attended McEachern School and graduated in 1949. Six high school
62 friends and Mason joined the Coast Guard in 1952 for a four-year stint; and

63 WHEREAS, Mason met Ann Greenway, a teacher at McEachern School, and they were
64 married on March 4, 1956, and had three children, Melinda, Teri, and John. Ann passed
65 away in 2001; and

66 WHEREAS, after Mason was discharged from service and returned to Macland, he started
67 Varner's Ace Hardware store at the intersection of Macland and New Macland-Lost
68 Mountain Roads. He and Ann operated the store for approximately 20 years. He was a great
69 businessman; and

70 WHEREAS, Varner's store at Macland became a community institution, and all types of
71 local, state, and national political discussions were held there; and

72 WHEREAS, fishing was a passion for Mason and he spent many days and nights on a lake
73 with friends, and some of his favorite memories after retirement were from his cabin on Lake
74 Weiss in Alabama; and

75 WHEREAS, Mason was a lifetime member of McEachern United Methodist Church and
76 supported its many programs. He was also a member of Austell Post #216 of The American
77 Legion; and

78 WHEREAS, Mason passed away on November 13, 2007, surrounded by his children,
79 grandchildren, brother, sister, nieces, nephews, and many friends. It was exactly as he would
80 have wanted it.

81 **PART V**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

101 **PART VI**

102 WHEREAS, Ray Delaigle has long been recognized by the citizens of Burke County for the
103 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
104 of the citizens of Georgia; and

105 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
106 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
107 dramatically by his superlative service as a member and chairperson of the Board of
108 Commissioners of Burke County; and

109 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
110 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
111 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

112 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
113 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

114 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
115 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a lasting
116 reminder of his service to the people of Burke County.

117 **PART VII**

118 WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States owe a debt of gratitude for the heroic men and
119 women who volunteer to defend our freedom in distant lands; and

120 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to provide for lasting memorials to their great
121 courage and dedication.

122 **PART VIII**

123 WHEREAS, Phyllis Heller, a Marietta resident, passed away April 18, 2007, after a four year
124 fight with an incurable blood cancer called multiple myeloma; and

125 WHEREAS, she was a heroic woman of many talents; and

126 WHEREAS, she was born in Hartford, Connecticut, and she attended Boston University
127 School of Music where she majored in bassoon; and

128 WHEREAS, when Carl Orff's Carmina Burana premiered in this country on November 19,
129 1954, at Carnegie Hall under the baton of Leopold Stokowski, Phyllis Heller was the first
130 chair bassoonist; and

131 WHEREAS, she had a lifelong passion for the arts and visited hundreds of museums around
132 the world; and

133 WHEREAS, in the 1990's she took up stained glass artwork and quickly became highly
134 regarded for her intricate, large-scale designs including full-sized doors and room valances;
135 and

136 WHEREAS, Ms. Heller was the Chairwoman of Sculpture Internationale, the largest
137 international fine arts sculpture exposition in the United States, which took place in 2002 at
138 Cobb Galleria, and she later went on to help fund and organize the Digital Fine Arts
139 Museum; and

140 WHEREAS, throughout her career she enjoyed exploring different cultures and societies, and
141 she was a principal in a firm which developed and produced export promotion shows for
142 American manufacturers around the world, and in the process, she visited and produced
143 expositions in more than 40 countries and on every continent except Antarctica; and

144 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life of Phyllis Heller be celebrated and that
145 a lasting tribute to her memory be established.

146 **PART IX**

147 WHEREAS, all citizens of the United States owe a debt of gratitude to the heroic men and
148 women who volunteer to defend our freedom in distant lands; and

149 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper to provide for lasting memorials to their great
150 courage and dedication and especially the sacrifices of veterans and their families residing
151 in Pike County, Georgia.

152 **PART X**

153 WHEREAS, the law enforcement community and the State of Georgia lost one of their finest
154 husbands, fathers, and law enforcement officers when Georgia State Patrol Trooper Tony M.
155 Lumley gave his life in defense of the public on December 2, 2003; and

156 WHEREAS, Trooper Lumley joined the Georgia State Patrol as a Trooper Cadet in March,
157 2002, and completed his training at the 79th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School and
158 graduated as one of the school's most bright and promising troopers in October of that year;
159 and

160 WHEREAS, he was assigned to the State Patrol post in Forest Park, Georgia, and, as a result
161 of his outstanding performance and work ethic, he was transferred to the State Patrol post in
162 Griffin, Georgia, in February, 2003; and

163 WHEREAS, a consummate team player, he was admired and respected by his peers for his
164 mastery of law enforcement and public relations skills, sense of humor, and professional
165 attitude; and

166 WHEREAS, he was an exemplary law enforcement officer who was held in high esteem for
167 his disciplined and faithful devotion to protecting and preserving the public's safety; and

168 WHEREAS, Trooper Lumley is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Misty, and his
169 precious daughters, Nikki and Brook.

170 **PART XI**

171 WHEREAS, Donnie Dickens was a long-time resident of Pike County committed to serving
172 his community and was a friend to all those who knew him; and

173 WHEREAS, Mr. Dickens worked tirelessly for the citizens of Pike County, including many
174 years of dedicated service at the Road Department, where he held the position of Road
175 Superintendent; and

176 WHEREAS, his selfless commitment to others and his community was further demonstrated
177 by his active service as a member of the Lifsey Springs Volunteer Fire Department and his
178 willingness to drive a school bus for Pike County school children; and

179 WHEREAS, Donnie Dickens will long be remembered by his family, friends, and the
180 members of the community he served as a generous, hard-working man and a tremendous
181 asset to Pike County.

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PART XII

183 WHEREAS, W. F. Gay was a resident of Gay, Georgia, and Meriwether County, Georgia;

184 and

185 WHEREAS, Mr. Gay distinguished himself by serving several terms as the mayor of Gay;

186 and

187 WHEREAS, Mr. Gay gave many hours of his time and energy to enhance the well-being of

188 Gay and Meriwether County; and

189 WHEREAS, over the years, W. F. Gay developed and nurtured countless friendships with

190 residents of Gay and Meriwether County; and

191 WHEREAS, Mr. Gay departed this life without receiving proper recognition for his

192 contributions, and it is only proper and fitting that an appropriate memorial be established

193 in his memory.

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PART XIII

195 WHEREAS, Joe Bryan rendered distinguished public service as mayor of Damascus,

196 Georgia, for six years; as a member of the city council of Damascus for more than 20 years;

197 and as a school board member; and

198 WHEREAS, he served the peanut industry for more than fifty years, including service as

199 president of Southern Peanut Warehousemen's Association and member of the advisory

200 board of the Georgia Peanut Commission; and

201 WHEREAS, he was founder, director, and officer of Chem-Nut, Inc.; director of First State

202 Bank, Blakely; and director of Blakely-Early County Chamber of Commerce; and

203 WHEREAS, he was a Century Member of the Boy Scouts of America and a faithful

204 supporter of Southwest Georgia Academy and area churches; and

205 WHEREAS, he was a recipient of the Agribusiness Service Award, Georgia Peanut Service

206 Award, and National Peanut Buying Points Association's Pioneer Award; and

207 WHEREAS, as the remembrance citation from St. James C.M.E. Church reads, "Joe Bryan

208 never refused to help any worthy cause"; and as the citation from Bethel Methodist Church

209 states, "Joe Bryan was a Godly man vigorously pursued a Godly path toward a Godly
210 cause—helping his fellow man."

211 **PART XIV**

212 WHEREAS, Glenn McCarver Smith III passed away in an accident on June 21, 2007, at the
213 young age of 15; and

214 WHEREAS, he was a freshman at Pepperell High School, where he was an honor student
215 taking college prep courses; and

216 WHEREAS, he was the class treasurer, a member of the student council, the Key Club, and
217 the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

218 WHEREAS, Glenn played baseball and basketball and was active in the youth group at
219 Pleasant Valley South Baptist Church; and

220 WHEREAS, he leaves behind his parents, David and Laura; his sister, LeeAnn; and his
221 grandparents, Johnny and Sarah Smith and Eunice Smith.

222 **PART XV**

223 WHEREAS, beginning in 1992, Hinson Mosley was one of the most distinguished members
224 of the House of Representatives, faithfully serving the citizens of House District 178 with
225 vision and determination; and

226 WHEREAS, a resident of Jesup, Georgia, he enjoyed a stellar reputation as one of the
227 strongest leaders for rural Georgia; and

228 WHEREAS, he served as a member of the House Appropriations Committee, the House
229 Game, Fish, and Parks Committee (for which he previously served as chairman), and the
230 House State Planning and Community Affairs Committee, and as Vice Chairman of the
231 Transportation Committee; and

232 WHEREAS, among his many notable accomplishments during the course of his legislative
233 career was authoring the Day of the Woman resolution, the only resolution to hang in the
234 capitol; and

235 WHEREAS, he is known for his warm and friendly nature and his chinaberry smoked steaks;
236 and

237 WHEREAS, a retired instrument technician and a devoted family man, Representative
238 Mosley and his wife, Linda, are the loving parents of four children, Kim, George, Sharon,
239 and Darrell; and

240 WHEREAS, it is only proper that a lasting tribute to this great public servant be established.

241 **PART XVI**

242 WHEREAS, Glenn Brown was born April 9, 1951, in Screven County; and

243 WHEREAS, he was the youngest of 12 children born to Albert and Zelma Wiley Brown; and

244 WHEREAS, Glenn attended Screven County Schools and Mercer University and was a
245 lifelong member of Greenhill Baptist Church; and

246 WHEREAS, this young farmer and pastor of Ogeechee Baptist Church was married to the
247 former Martha Lane; and

248 WHEREAS, Glenn lived 25 short years and lost his life in a tragic accident off Highway 21
249 in the Whitehill area on June 14, 1976; and

250 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial in his memory be
251 established.

252 **PART XVII**

253 WHEREAS, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners and the Henry County Board of
254 Commissioners have unanimously requested that a portion of Georgia Highway 138 be
255 designated the Lake Spivey Parkway.

256 **PART XVIII**

257 WHEREAS, Luke Dollar has been a resident of Marietta, Georgia, in Cobb County, for 35
258 years; and

259 WHEREAS, he served his country during the Vietnam conflict; and

260 WHEREAS, Mr. Dollar has set an example as a leader in his community; and

261 WHEREAS, he is a father to three outstanding children; and

262 WHEREAS, his greatest accomplishment, by far, was marrying the beautiful and talented
263 Sue Kelly Dollar, and they have been married for 35 wonderful years; and

264 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this fine man be honored for all of his
265 accomplishments.

266 **PART XIX**

267 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
268 GEORGIA that the intersection of SR 1 and Cloud Springs Road be dedicated as the James
269 H. Chandler, Jr. Memorial Intersection.

270 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 36 from US 41 near Barnesville to
271 Liberty Hill in Lamar County, Georgia, be dedicated as the MSG Davy Nathaniel Weaver
272 Memorial Highway.

273 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 341 from its intersection with SR 193
274 north to its intersection with Gordon Street in Chickamauga be dedicated as the US Army
275 of the Cumberland Highway.

276 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a portion of Macland Road, SR 360, from the Paulding
277 County line into Cobb County and ending at John Petree Road be dedicated as the Mason
278 Varner Memorial Highway.

279 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 25/US 17 within the limits of the
280 Ocean Highway in Camden County, beginning at Oscar Road (CR 266 at MP 22.12) and
281 ending at the County Line Bridge (MP 31.56) be dedicated as the Sheriff Jimmy Middleton
282 Memorial Highway.

283 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on SR 56 over Rocky Creek in Burke County,
284 Georgia, be dedicated as the Ray Delaigle Bridge.

285 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend the veterans of all
286 ages and dedicate the portion of SR 301 in Glennville, Georgia, in Tattnall County, as
287 Veterans Boulevard in honor of their great sacrifices on behalf of our country.

288 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the memory of Phyllis
289 Heller and dedicate the bridge on SR 120 over Willeo Creek in Cobb County as the Phyllis
290 Heller Memorial Bridge.

291 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body commend veterans of all ages
292 as well as the heroic veterans of Pike County, Georgia, and dedicate the portion of SR 362
293 in Pike County, Georgia, as the Pike County Veterans Memorial Highway in honor of their
294 great sacrifices on behalf of our country.

295 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion SR 18 in Pike County, Georgia, be dedicated
296 as the Trooper Tony M. Lumley Memorial Highway.

297 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 109 in Pike County, Georgia, running
298 through Pike County shall be dedicated as the Donnie Dickens Memorial Highway.

299 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body dedicate the portion of Spur
300 109 from Greenville, Georgia, west through Gay, Georgia, in Meriwether County to the Pike
301 County line as the W. F. Gay Memorial Connector.

302 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of State Route 45 in Early County beginning
303 at the Miller County line and ending at the Calhoun County line is dedicated as the Joe Bryan
304 Highway.

305 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body celebrate the much too short
306 life of Glenn McCarver Smith III and dedicate the bridge over Big Cedar Creek near Cave
307 Spring on US 411/SR 53 as the Glenn McCarver Smith III Memorial Bridge.

308 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the life and public
309 service of Hinson Mosley and dedicate the portion of US 84 from the city limits of Screven
310 to the city limits of Jesup as the Hinson Mosely Highway.

311 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on SR 21 in the Whitehill community of
312 Screven County be dedicated as the Glenn Brown Memorial Overpass.

313 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of Georgia Highway 138 between Interstate
314 675 and the corporate limits of the City of Jonesboro shall be designated the Lake Spivey
315 Parkway.

316 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the portion of SR 120 from the 120 Loop (Marietta
317 Parkway) going east from I-75 to Johnson Ferry Road be dedicated as the Luke Dollar
318 Highway.

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

322 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
323 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the
324 family of James H. Chandler, Jr., to the family of MSG Davy Nathaniel Weaver, to the City
325 of Chickamauga, to the family of Mason Varner, to the family of Sheriff Jimmy Middleton,
326 to Ray Delaigle, to the Glennville City Council, to the family of Phyllis Heller, to Pike
327 County, to the family of Trooper Tony M. Lumley, to the family of Donnie Dickens, to the
328 family of W. F. Gay, to the family of Joe Bryan, to the family of Glenn McCarver Smith III,
329 to Hinson Mosely, to the family of Glenn Brown, and to Luke Dollar.