

House Resolution 1385

By: Representatives Bearden of the 68th, Bruce of the 64th, Hembree of the 67th, and Brooks of the 63rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Alpha Fowler, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, during his lifetime, Alpha Fowler, Jr., served the citizens of Douglasville and
4 Douglas County in many ways; and

5 WHEREAS, his dedicated service extended from the battlegrounds of Europe in World
6 War II to the halls of the State Capitol in Atlanta to the local business community and
7 various organizations and institutions; and

8 WHEREAS, he was a bomber pilot who received the Distinguished Flying Cross during
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, he represented Douglas County in the Georgia General Assembly from 1950
11 through 1964 when he won a post on the Public Service Commission where he served until
12 1970; and

13 WHEREAS, he served as the head of the Georgia National Guard and started the Georgia Air
14 National Guard, rising to the rank of brigadier general; and

15 WHEREAS, he was the owner of the first movie theater in Douglas County which was
16 located on the site of the present Douglasville City Hall; and

17 WHEREAS, he founded Douglas County Federal, started and operated Fowler Egg Farm,
18 and was involved in many local boards and commissions; and

19 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in obtaining funding for the construction of the Chapel Hill
20 Road bridge over Interstate Highway 20 in Douglas County, and it is only proper and fitting
21 to honor his service with a lasting memorial.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 GEORGIA that the Chapel Hill Road bridge over Interstate Highway 20 in Douglas County
24 be dedicated as the Alpha Fowler, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Alpha Fowler, Jr., Memorial
27 Bridge.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Alpha Fowler,
30 Jr., and the Department of Transportation.