

House Resolution 472

By: Representative Epps of the 128th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the achievements of Claude A. Bray, Jr., and dedicating a road in his name; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Claude A. Bray, Jr., was born on July 14, 1931, at the home of his maternal
4 grandparents, Otis E. and Fannie Smith, in Grantville, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he graduated from Manchester High School in 1949 where he was president of
6 his senior class, co-captain of the football team, and a member of the tennis team; and

7 WHEREAS, in 1954, he earned his law degree from the University of Georgia Law School,
8 where he served as Chief Justice of the Honor Court, President of the Law Student Advisory
9 Council, and President of the Law School Student Bar Association; and

10 WHEREAS, after graduation, Claude entered the United States Air Force with a commission
11 as a 2nd Lieutenant and served on active duty in the office of the Judge Advocate General;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, after his discharge, he established law offices in Meriwether County, in
14 Greenville and Manchester; and

15 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1967 and served
16 through 1987; he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, vice chairman of the
17 Judiciary Committee, and chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee; and

18 WHEREAS, in 1987, Claude was appointed as a director of the State Workers'
19 Compensation Board; and

20 WHEREAS, he has served in many civic organizations and as a Deacon and member of the
21 First Baptist Church, as well as a Sunday school teacher; and

22 WHEREAS, he is the widower of Carolyn Ann Irwin, and they had three children, Charles
23 Bradly Bray, Claudia Allison Bray, and Carolyn Ann Irwin Bray Linn; and

24 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Claude A. Bray, Jr., be honored for his life of
25 achievement and service to the people of Georgia and Meriwether County, and that a lasting
26 reminder of his work be established.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
28 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the outstanding accomplishments of Claude
29 A. Bray, Jr., and dedicate the portion of SR 41 from the beginning of the four lanes in
30 Manchester and continuing across Pigeon Creek Bridge to the city limits as the Claude A.
31 Bray, Jr. Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Claude A. Bray, Jr. Highway.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Claude A. Bray, Jr., and the
36 Department of Transportation.