

Senate Resolution 328

By: Senators Thompson of the 33rd and Stoner of the 6th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of W.T. (Travis) Duke and dedicating a bridge in his memory;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of William Travis Duke of Mableton; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a State Representative, 1971-1975; was active in local and state
6 politics for over 30 years; and was one of the first Republicans elected in Cobb County; and

7 WHEREAS, a man of conviction and purpose, he was a member and/or officer of myriad
8 community service boards, including the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce,
9 Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, Mable House, Cobb County Boys Club,
10 Open Gate Children's Shelter, Department of Family and Children Services, Georgian Club,
11 Cobb-Marietta Museum, Salvation Army, and the Jaycees; and

12 WHEREAS, William was united in love and marriage to Betty and was blessed with two
13 remarkable children, Jennifer and Derek, and three wonderful grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
15 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
16 family and friends were admired by others; and

17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

20 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William Travis Duke will long be
21 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal public servant and advocate

22 for his community will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him, and it is
23 only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to his life be established.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
25 GEORGIA that the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of William
26 Travis Duke; express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing; and dedicate the
27 bridge over SR 41 at I-285, in Cobb County, as the W.T. (Travis) Duke Memorial Bridge.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the W.T. (Travis) Duke Memorial
30 Bridge.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William Travis Duke and
33 the Department of Transportation.