

**ADOPTED**

Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Seabaugh of the 28th offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate Transportation Committee substitute to SR 343 (LC 34 3028S) by adding*  
2 *between lines 183 and 184 the following:*

**PART VIII-A**

4 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 traverses the entire western length of Georgia and is  
5 approximately 352 miles long; and

6 WHEREAS, the highway connects 18 diverse counties in the common cause of economic  
7 development and regionalism; and

8 WHEREAS, the state and federal government invested billions of dollars in constructing  
9 U.S. Highway 27 and, by supporting travel and tourism investment along the corridor, the  
10 state will be increasing the taxpayers' return on investment; and

11 WHEREAS, promoting tourism along U.S. Highway 27 supports efforts to dismantle  
12 persistent poverty in Georgia as seven of the 18 counties along the highway are classified by  
13 the University of Georgia as "counties with persistent poverty"; and

14 WHEREAS, the activities around the promotion of U.S. Highway 27 can serve as a  
15 sustainable model for other corridor tourism and economic development efforts in Georgia;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 offers an attractive, alternate north-south transportation route  
18 with authentic Georgia cultural heritage and scenic resources.

19 *By adding between lines 213 and 214 the following:*

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia portion of U.S. Highway 27, located within  
21 the limits of the Martha Berry Highway, be dedicated as the Scenic Hometown Highway for  
22 tourism enhancement purposes.