

House Resolution 618

By: Representative Kidd of the 141st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Henry Veal, Sr., and Mamie Solomon Veal and dedicating a road in their honor;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Henry Veal, Sr., and Mamie Solomon Veal were the proud owners of The Veal
4 Café in downtown Milledgeville, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, they were the first African Americans to own a restaurant with a Coca Cola sign
6 in downtown Milledgeville; and

7 WHEREAS, they were considered the Founders of Education in Georgia with 22
8 descendants and cousins with master's degrees that includes one university president, five
9 doctorates, one Harvard Ph.D., three Double Masters, and two Ivy League Masters; and

10 WHEREAS, Henry and Mamie parented three generations of Ph.D. recipients and raised six
11 siblings who became educators, collectively with 170 years of service, even though they
12 started as cotton pickers with only a fifth grade education; and

13 WHEREAS, Henry Veal served in WWI as a Mess Sergeant for white army officers, and
14 while stationed in France he learned to speak French; and

15 WHEREAS, there is a historic bench in downtown Milledgeville dedicated in honor of the
16 Veals, and it is said that The Veal Café is where the WWII soldiers came to eat. In the
17 1940's the white city hall workers made the café the first take out restaurant in Milledgeville;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, many of the Veals' children and other relatives worked in the café to help put
20 themselves through college; and

21 WHEREAS, at The Veal Café you could order a fish sandwich and a coke or "a pig ear
22 samish anna cocola" for a nickel; and

23 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding couple
24 be established; along the portion of SR 24 to be dedicated in their honor are the graves of
25 three generations of slave ancestors and 300 members of the Veal and Solomon families.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
27 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor Henry Veal, Sr., and Mamie Solomon Veal
28 by dedicating the portion of SR 24 in Baldwin County from its intersection with Kings Road
29 to the Washington County line as the Veal – Solomon Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Veal – Solomon Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Henry Veal,
34 Sr., and Mamie Solomon Veal and the Department of Transportation.