

House Resolution 1152

By: Representative Holt of the 112th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. J. Dixon Hays and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Mr. J. Dixon Hays on November 21, 2010; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was born in Mansfield, Georgia, a beloved son of the late James
6 Dixon and Ruth Ewing Hays; and

7 WHEREAS, a dairy farmer in Newton County for 50 years, Mr. Hays served on the boards
8 of the Newton County Dairy Association, Newton County Farm Bureau, and Gold Kist
9 Co-op and earned the Atlanta Farmers Club's Distinguished Agri-Business Leader Award in
10 1982; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was an active community leader, serving on the Newton Medical
12 Center Authority for 32 years, the Snapping Shoals Electric Trust Board for 13 years, and
13 treasurer and board member of the Mansfield Community Center; and

14 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hays was a lifelong member of Luther
15 Hays Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and treasurer for 26 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was united in love and marriage for 59 wonderful years to Marilyn
17 Harris Hays and was blessed with the adoration and support of his children, Melinda and Jim
18 Lord and Julius and Jamie Hays; and

19 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of Jennifer Lord and Eric Wilson, Mary Beth Lord
20 and Rich Zamor, Rebecca Lord, and Jessie Hays; and

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

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

27 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Hays will long be remembered for his
28 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be
29 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of SR 142 in Newton County between SR 11
32 and SR 278 is dedicated as the J. Dixon Hays Memorial Highway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the J. Dixon Hays Memorial
35 Highway.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. J. Dixon
38 Hays and to the Department of Transportation.