

House Resolution 1612

By: Representative Sims of the 169th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring Mr. John S. Gibson and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. John S. Gibson played a vital role in leadership and demonstrated deep
3 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson was born in Folkston, Georgia, one of 11 beloved children of
5 William Owen and Julia Ann Gibson; and
- 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgia State Normal College and Business Institute, Mr. Gibson
7 was admitted to the bar in 1922 and had a reputation as an aggressive trial lawyer who was
8 well known for his colorful and humorous arguments; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson served as solicitor-general for the City of Douglas and the
10 Waycross Circuit Court before serving as a United States Congressman for the Eighth
11 District of Georgia; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he represented the people of Georgia for three terms and is credited with
13 playing a decisive role in the passage of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better
14 known as the G.I. Bill; and
- 15 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
16 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson served with honor and distinction for the State of Georgia and this
18 nation, and his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and
- 19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
20 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that US 441 in Coffee County from the Douglas city limits to
23 the Atkinson County line is dedicated as the John S. Gibson Memorial Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the John S. Gibson Memorial
26 Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. John S.
29 Gibson and to the Department of Transportation.