

Senate Resolution 843

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; repealing certain resolutions;
2 repealing conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Bert Ward was born on May 30, 1922, in Catoosa County, Georgia, was
5 educated in the Catoosa County public school system, and graduated from Ringgold High
6 School; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
8 United States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during
9 World War II on the *USS Gillis* and the *USS Williamson* in the Pacific; and

10 WHEREAS, he sustained injuries during his service when his ship was torpedoed by
11 Japanese submarines in the North Pacific; and

12 WHEREAS, upon returning home after the war, Mr. Ward continued his public service as
13 Catoosa County Tax Commissioner, diligently and conscientiously devoting innumerable
14 hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state for
15 19 years; and

16 WHEREAS, he was elected to represent Catoosa County as a State Representative in the
17 Georgia General Assembly in 1967 and 1968; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward served as a judge in Catoosa County for several years before he was
19 elected to serve on the Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County; and

20 WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Ward was instrumental in
21 establishing procedures, policies, and rules and regulations of the board and helped in the

22 establishment of the county's 911 emergency response system and the naming of the Catoosa
23 Parkway; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
25 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
26 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
27 and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
29 service of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 **PART II**

31 WHEREAS, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., stands as one of the most prominent
32 Georgians of the 20th Century; and

33 WHEREAS, Rev. King attended public school in Georgia, graduating from high school at
34 the age of 15, and received his bachelor's degree in 1948 from Morehouse College; and

35 WHEREAS, after three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in
36 Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of the senior class, he was awarded a divinity
37 degree in 1951, and, with a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at
38 Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving his
39 doctoral degree in 1955; and

40 WHEREAS, in 1957, he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership
41 Conference, and, in the 11 years between 1957 and 1968, he traveled over 6 million miles
42 and spoke over 2,500 times in support of civil rights and wrote five books as well as
43 numerous articles; and

44 WHEREAS, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of
45 the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter
46 from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States; and

47 WHEREAS, he also planned and participated in numerous protests and demonstrations for
48 the cause of civil rights including the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000
49 people to whom he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address at the Lincoln Memorial;
50 and

51 WHEREAS, he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time*
52 magazine in 1963; and, at the age of 35, was the youngest man to have been awarded the
53 Nobel Peace Prize; and

54 WHEREAS, through his tireless work on behalf of civil rights for all people, he became not
55 only the symbolic leader of African Americans in the United States but also a world figure
56 in the fight for justice for all; and

57 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate the entire length of Snapfinger Road in
58 DeKalb County from its intersection with Wesley Chapel Road to the Henry County line as
59 the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway as an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

60 **PART III**

61 WHEREAS, Roy Parrish was born in Walker County, Georgia, on November 29, 1933, one
62 of four children born to Roy E. Parrish, Sr., and the former Annie May Autry; the Parrish
63 family and the Autry family were pioneers to Walker County and have made this county their
64 homes since the eighteenth century; and

65 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish was educated in the City of Chickamauga School System and
66 graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1953; he started to work for the Chickamauga
67 Telephone Company while still in high school, and he remained in their employ for 19 years,
68 the last several as general manager; and

69 WHEREAS, he also served two years on active duty with the United States Army in Korea;
70 and

71 WHEREAS, he was elected Sole Commissioner of Walker County in the Democratic
72 Primary of 1972 and took office January 1, 1973; he went on to serve six, four-year terms;
73 and

74 WHEREAS, some of his major accomplishments include building the first sanitary landfill
75 in 1973 and operating it for 23 years; building and paving the county roads; passing the first
76 Local Option Sales Tax Referendum in 1977 that rolled back county property tax and for the
77 first time offered property tax relief to the local community; building the civic center,
78 pavilion, and the 911 Center; building a tunnel from the courthouse to the jail for security;
79 and building and operating an animal shelter, 16 fire stations, and 126 bridges; and

80 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish worked with Georgia Department of Transportation and the United
81 States Department of the Interior as well as the National Park Service and Congressman
82 Buddy Darden to get a better corridor through or around the Chickamauga Battlefield and
83 was largely responsible for getting the western route through Walker County established as
84 the relocated Highway 27 around the Chickamauga National Park; and

85 WHEREAS, he has been married to the former Cora Ann Kell, also a native of Walker
86 County, for more than 50 years, and they have two children, two grandchildren, and two
87 great-grandchildren; they live in the City of Chickamauga where they are active members
88 of the Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church; and

89 WHEREAS, he retired, undefeated, from public office in 1996 and now enjoys the freedom
90 of retirement; he and Cora Ann spend time traveling, enjoying their family, gardening, and
91 working in their church where Roy has recruited many of his friends; and

92 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to this life of public service be
93 established.

94 **PART IV**

95 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnny M. Hunt has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,
96 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,
97 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

98 WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt was born on July 17, 1952, in Lumberton, North Carolina, and is a
99 graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

100 WHEREAS, he has served as pastor of Longleaf Baptist Church in Wilmington, North
101 Carolina; Falls Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina; and Lavonia Baptist Church
102 in Mooresboro, North Carolina; and

103 WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt was called by the Lord in 1986 to lead the congregation of First
104 Baptist Church of Woodstock as the church's senior pastor; and

105 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped First Baptist Church of Woodstock grow
106 in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a
107 spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

108 WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and
109 president of the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

110 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
111 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
112 humanitarian, Dr. Hunt serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

113 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Dr. Hunt is a source of strength
114 and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

115 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
116 of peace and love be recognized.

117 **PART V**

118 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
119 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
120 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

121 WHEREAS, Korean War veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
122 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
123 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

124 WHEREAS, they served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and diligently and
125 conscientiously underwent intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with
126 honor and distinction during a time of war; and

127 WHEREAS, it is important that Korean War veterans are thanked for their selfless service
128 to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and
129 ideals of the United States; and

130 WHEREAS, Korean War veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
131 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
132 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished
133 Americans be honored appropriately.

134 **PART VI**

135 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
136 with the passing of Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards; and

137 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
138 liberty with the United States Marines Corps; and

139 WHEREAS, he was born on January 31, 1990, in Trenton, Georgia, and graduated from
140 Dade County High School, where he was known as a talented musician; and

141 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards was stationed in the Helmand province of Afghanistan
142 when he was killed while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

143 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards was awarded a Rifle Expert Medal, an Afghanistan
144 Campaign Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War Service Medal, a War
145 on Terrorism Medal, and a Purple Heart; and

146 WHEREAS, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his wife Emily
147 and his beautiful daughter Kayden Leigh; and

148 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Lance Corporal Richards'
149 life of service to his country be established.

150 **PART VII**

151 WHEREAS, Mr. William G. Long has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
152 the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
153 of the citizens of Georgia; and

154 WHEREAS, Mr. Long diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
155 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
156 dramatically by his superlative service to the City of Woodstock as a city council member,
157 a member of the Planning Commission, a city judge, and mayor over the course of 40 years;
158 and

159 WHEREAS, first elected to serve the public in 1966 as a member of the Woodstock City
160 Council, Mr. Long is one of Woodstock's most distinguished citizens and dedicated servants;
161 and

162 WHEREAS, Mr. Long's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
163 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
164 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
165 and

166 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
167 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

168 **PART VIII**

169 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
170 with the passing of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr.; and

171 WHEREAS, a graduate of Waynesboro High School, Mr. Lewis served as a guardian of this
172 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously
173 protecting America during the Korean War; and

174 WHEREAS, he trained at the United States Navy Submarine School, received a Bronze Star,
175 and attained the rank of captain; and

176 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree
177 in business administration and a law degree before he joined his father's legal practice, Lewis
178 & Lewis, where he practiced law for 30 years; and

179 WHEREAS, he served as juvenile court judge for more than 30 years and served the people
180 of Georgia as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives for six terms and the
181 Georgia Senate for one term; and

182 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Lewis was a Rotarian and served as president of the
183 Waynesboro Shrine Club and as a member of the Waynesboro Masonic Lodge, the American
184 Legion, and First United Methodist Church; and

185 WHEREAS, he left behind many who will cherish his memory, including his wife of 58
186 years, Katherine Honey Hill; four children, Preston Brooks Lewis III, Clifford Ellis Lewis,
187 Julian Carlton Lewis, and Katherine Virginia Lewis Jones; and 11 grandchildren; and

188 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Mr. Lewis' life of service
189 to this state be established.

190 **PART IX**

191 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
192 with the passing of Deputy James D. Paugh on October 23, 2011; and

193 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
194 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
195 sound principles of law enforcement; and

196 WHEREAS, known by friends and family as "J.D.," Deputy Paugh was a dedicated deputy
197 with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for 17 years; and

198 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh's life was tragically cut short after stopping behind a vehicle on
199 Interstate Route 520 in Augusta-Richmond County when the occupant of the vehicle opened
200 fire upon him; and

201 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
202 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
203 commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers; and

204 WHEREAS, a native of Augusta, Georgia, Deputy Paugh was the beloved son of Wayne and
205 Anita Paugh and father of Brandon; and

206 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was a dedicated public servant who will long be remembered for
207 his courage and selflessness, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
208 knowing him.

209 **PART X**

210 WHEREAS, Mr. John S. Gibson played a vital role in leadership and demonstrated deep
211 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

212 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson was born in Folkston, Georgia, one of 11 beloved children of
213 William Owen and Julia Ann Gibson; and

214 WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgia State Normal College and Business Institute, Mr. Gibson
215 was admitted to the bar in 1922 and had a reputation as an aggressive trial lawyer who was
216 well known for his colorful and humorous arguments; and

217 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson served as solicitor-general for the City of Douglas and the
218 Waycross Circuit Court before serving as a United States Congressman for the Eighth
219 District of Georgia; and

220 WHEREAS, he represented the people of Georgia for three terms and is credited with
221 playing a decisive role in the passage of the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better
222 known as the G.I. Bill; and

223 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
224 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

225 WHEREAS, Mr. Gibson served with honor and distinction for the State of Georgia and this
226 nation, and his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

227 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
228 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

229 **PART XI**

230 WHEREAS, written and composed by Ricky Fitzpatrick, "Highway 98" describes the joy of
231 traveling down one of Georgia's great highways; and

232 WHEREAS, the lyrics tell of local landmarks from Commerce to Danielsville to the farms
233 and barns of Midway and beyond; and

234 WHEREAS, a long, straight, and picturesque road, Highway 98 is surrounded by pastures
235 and wide open spaces; and

236 WHEREAS, the feeling of freedom and nostalgia for a simpler time that one gets when
237 driving down Highway 98 is depicted perfectly in the lyrics of Fitzpatrick's "Highway 98";
238 and

239 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that "Highway 98" be recognized for its
240 promotion of Georgia and its tribute to one of this state's great roads.

241 **PART XII**

242 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruth B. Crawford has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
243 for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
244 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

245 WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford earned a bachelor's degree from Paine College and a master's
246 degree from Indiana University and dedicated 38 years to uplifting the lives of students
247 through her work in the field of education; and

248 WHEREAS, upon her retirement from the Richmond County School System in 1977, Mrs.
249 Crawford founded the Shiloh Comprehensive Community Center, where she served for 30
250 years as founding executive administrator; and

251 WHEREAS, her contributions to education and her community have been recognized with
252 numerous honors and accolades, including the Jefferson Award for Outstanding Service from
253 WJBF-TV, Humanitarian of the Year Award from University Hospital, Good Samaritan
254 Award from the St. Joseph Foundation, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt Award from Alpha Kappa
255 Alpha Sorority, and a Women of Distinction Award from the Girl Scouts of America; and

256 WHEREAS, a resident of Augusta, Georgia, Mrs. Crawford is a long-time supporter of Paine
257 College, serves as a charter member of the Presidents Club, has been selected as one of the
258 Distinguished Alumni, and assisted in designing the school flag; and

259 WHEREAS, Mrs. Crawford has lived on State Route 4 in Richmond County for over 45
260 years, where she has attended Williams Memorial CME Church and dedicated her time to
261 improving the lives of others in the community; and

262 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
263 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

264 **PART XIII**

265 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
266 with the passing of Deputy James D. Paugh on October 23, 2011; and

267 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
268 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
269 sound principles of law enforcement; and

270 WHEREAS, known by friends and family as "J.D.," Deputy Paugh was a dedicated member
271 of the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for 17 years; and

272 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh's life was cut tragically short while protecting the public near the
273 interchange of U.S. Route 78/State Route 10 with Interstate Route 520 in Augusta-Richmond
274 County; and

275 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
276 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
277 commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers; and

278 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was a dedicated public servant who will long be remembered for
279 his courage and selflessness, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
280 knowing him.

281 **PART XIV**

282 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
283 with the passing of Mr. John B. Box on February 12, 2012; and

284 WHEREAS, Mr. Box was a well known and beloved resident of Greene County, Georgia,
285 where he owned The Richland Bar for nearly 30 years; and

286 WHEREAS, a talented artist, Mr. Box sung professionally for over three decades and served
287 as the headlining artist for such stars as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Perry Como, and Al
288 Martino; and

289 WHEREAS, known as the Golden Voice of Greensboro, Mr. Box performed the National
290 Anthem at numerous local sporting events and public gatherings; and

291 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Box was a long-time member of First
292 United Methodist Church, where he contributed to the chorus; and

293 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
294 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

295 **PART XV**

296 WHEREAS, Harold Shedd is highly regarded by the citizens of Haralson County and the
297 State of Georgia as a giant and a visionary in the music industry; and

298 WHEREAS, he was born on November 8, 1931, and began work in Bremen as a member of
299 a local band; and

300 WHEREAS, he worked in radio for 14 years as a disk jockey, engineer, sales manager, and,
301 finally, station owner and, in 1972, he sold radio station WWCC and moved to Nashville,
302 Tennessee where, by 1979, he was co-owner of the Music Mill recording studio, which
303 during its heyday was known as one of the top ten recording studios in Nashville; and

304 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in discovering the group Alabama and signing them to
305 RCA and producing 21 consecutive number one hits for the band, a record that stands to this
306 day; and

307 WHEREAS, he also produced albums for Roger Miller, Mel Tillis, Louise Mandrell, Dobie
308 Gray, K. T. Oslin, Glen Campbell, and Willie Nelson; and

309 WHEREAS, his collaboration with Reba McIntire led to her first gold record; and

310 WHEREAS, in 1988, he joined Mercury Polygram Records Nashville where, over the next
311 six years, he oversaw the signing of Kentucky Headhunters, Shania Twain, Billy Ray Cyrus,
312 Toby Keith, and Kathy Mattea; and

313 WHEREAS, in 1989, he was inducted into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame; and

314 WHEREAS, he is still the all-time, number one country independent record producer; and

315 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate United States Highway 27 in Haralson
316 County from the Polk County line to the Carroll County line as the Harold Shedd Highway
317 as an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

318 **PART XVI**

319 WHEREAS, on December 17, 2005, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
320 outstanding citizens with the passing of Mr. Charles N. "Judy" Poag; and

321 WHEREAS, Charles Poag graduated from Murray County High School in 1951, and he
322 treasured the Cleveland Indian's baseball jacket he earned while pitching for the Cleveland
323 farm club; and

324 WHEREAS, after obtaining a degree from Lincoln Memorial College in 1955, he returned
325 to Murray County High School where he made headlines in the early years of his teaching
326 and coaching career by being the first coach to take the girls team to the state playoffs; and

327 WHEREAS, Charles Poag's prominent political career began in 1960 when he was the
328 youngest sheriff ever elected in Georgia, serving 16 years in office; and

329 WHEREAS, he also worked as a police officer for the Chatsworth Police Department for five
330 years and as a state investigator for the State of Georgia in addition to being a member of the
331 Georgia House of Representatives for ten years, prodigiously serving the State of Georgia
332 and its citizens with an unwavering commitment to honor and integrity; and

333 WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to helping others, especially the senior citizens of Murray
334 County, for whom he was the driving force that led to the building of the senior citizens
335 center in Chatsworth appropriately named the "Charles Judy Poag Senior Citizen Center";
336 and

337 WHEREAS, he was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and his passing left an
338 unfillable void in the hearts and lives of his family, friends, and associates.

339 **PART XVII**

340 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Kelso C. Horne served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
341 liberty as a second lieutenant in the 82nd Airborne Division during World War II; and

342 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Horne was a resident of Dublin, Georgia, and graced the cover of
343 *LIFE* magazine on August 14, 1944, as a representation of the one of thousands of men who
344 were fighting to win the battle for France; and

345 WHEREAS, at 2:06 A.M. on June 6, 1944, Lieutenant Horne leapt from his transport plane
346 and parachuted into Normandy; and

347 WHEREAS, after weeks of fighting to gain ground against the enemy, Lieutenant Horne was
348 at the head of an infantry column that was advancing on a German-held town when he was
349 stopped by a staff car and asked to be photographed; and

350 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Horne was injured by shellfire in July 1944, and as he healed from
351 his injuries in England he saw his photo on the cover of *LIFE* magazine; and

352 WHEREAS, after he returned home from the war, Lieutenant Horne continued to serve his
353 country with the United States Postal Service; and

354 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to Lieutenant Horne's memory
355 and life of service to his country be established.

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PART XVIII

357 WHEREAS, Hugh Carroll Butler was born on September 1, 1934, in Ramhurst, Georgia, and
358 passed away on December 22, 2010; and

359 WHEREAS, he lived in Port Wentworth, Georgia, for 48 years after moving to the area with
360 his wife while serving in the United States Air Force; and

361 WHEREAS, he was a member of the city council of Port Wentworth for 20 years; and

362 WHEREAS, he served for many years as the chairman of the Good Samaritan Committee
363 of Port Wentworth, which was formed to help travelers in need of assistance and to deliver
364 baskets of food to needy families during the Christmas season; and

365 WHEREAS, Carroll was a member of the Lions Club for over 25 years and served as its
366 president on several occasions; and

367 WHEREAS, he was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Port Wentworth for 45
368 years, serving as a deacon and Sunday school director; and

369 WHEREAS, he and his wife of nearly 55 years, Carolyn Scott Butler, were blessed with two
370 children, four grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

371 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life well lived of Hugh Carroll Butler, with
372 his devotion to his family, his church, his community, and his country, be memorialized with
373 a lasting monument.

374 **PART XIX**

375 WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Wetherington has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
376 the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
377 of the citizens of Georgia; and

378 WHEREAS, Mr. Wetherington diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours
379 of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as
380 evidenced dramatically by his superlative service to the Columbus Police Department, the
381 State Board of Pardons and Paroles, and the Department of Corrections; and

382 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Columbus State University and a master's
383 degree from Georgia State University; and

384 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
385 States Army; and

386 WHEREAS, Mr. Wetherington served as president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of
387 Police, an organization which recognized him as Police Chief of the Year in 1994; and

388 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
389 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
390 state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

391 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
392 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

393 **PART XX**

394 WHEREAS, Mrs. Glenda and Dr. John Covington have been residents of Paulding County,
395 Georgia, since 1958; and

396 WHEREAS, in addition to a establishing a thriving and caring medical practice in Paulding
397 County, Dr. Covington opened a local branch of Citizens Bank and a savings and loan bank;
398 and

399 WHEREAS, Dr. Covington served as Paulding County's medical examiner for several years,
400 is a founding member of the county chapter of the Jaycees, and built the medical arts
401 clinic/hospital in the 1960's; and

402 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including Jaycees
403 1970's Citizen of the Year and the 2010 Chamber of Commerce Citizen of the Year; and

404 WHEREAS, Dr. and Mrs. Covington's six remarkable children inspired them to ensure all
405 children of Paulding County had access to a safe place to play, and they were instrumental
406 in the building of the recreation center in Dallas; and

407 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
408 these distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

409 **PART XXI**

410 WHEREAS, the freedoms that we as Americans enjoy are guarded by the men and women
411 who proudly serve in our country's armed forces; and

412 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major James E. Jones, a citizen of the town of Alapaha in Berrien
413 County, went missing in action and was presumably killed on October 6, 1966, while on an
414 intelligence gathering mission in Laos with the United States Army's Fifth Special Forces;
415 and

416 WHEREAS, Sergeant Major Jones was serving his second tour of duty in Southeast Asia at
417 the time he was declared missing in action; and

418 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that this American hero be honored by dedicating
419 a bridge in his honor.

420 **PART XXII**

421 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia contains countless historical sites and geographical regions
422 which are rich in educational and recreational features; and

423 WHEREAS, the Metro Atlanta Region contains many features which reach back to Georgia's
424 diverse and fascinating heritage, including the cultural and historical development along this
425 historic trail; and

426 WHEREAS, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of *Gone With the Wind*, Margaret Mitchell,
427 whose novel continues to sell in record numbers after 75 years in print, attracts visitors
428 internationally and domestically to the area, providing an economic impact to the State of
429 Georgia; and

430 WHEREAS, *Gone With the Wind* continues to promote diversity through Margaret Mitchell's
431 support of Morehouse College for more than 60 years, as well as her work in helping to
432 integrate the Atlanta Police Department and establishing both Caucasian and
433 African-American clinics at Grady Hospital in Atlanta; and

434 WHEREAS, the designated sites, while being individually significant, would provide a
435 stronger and more lasting impact on tourism as a legislated partnership in the form of a *Gone*
436 *With the Wind* Trail; and

437 WHEREAS, it is important in preserving representations of this past and heritage, and in
438 promoting future economic growth, that this site and region be identified, marketed,
439 promoted, and managed; and

440 WHEREAS, the designation of the Georgia *Gone With the Wind* Trail serves to enhance
441 visibility and recognition for our state both nationally and internationally.

442 **PART XXIII**

443 WHEREAS, Mr. John Flournoy has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
444 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
445 of the citizens of Georgia; and

446 WHEREAS, a graduate of Columbus High School and the University of North Carolina at
447 Chapel Hill, Mr. Flournoy is the founder and CEO of Flournoy Development Company,
448 Flournoy Construction Company, and Flournoy Properties; and

449 WHEREAS, his companies have been involved in residential, industrial, and commercial
450 construction in the Southeast for 44 years and never failed to complete a contract; and

451 WHEREAS, Mr. Flournoy served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
452 United States Marine Corps as a fighter pilot during the Vietnam War and has been decorated
453 with 15 air medals and the Navy Distinguished Flying Cross; and

454 WHEREAS, he has earned the highest civilian award for support of the infantry, the Order
455 of St. Maurice from the Infantry Commandant, and the Nobel Patron of Armor from the
456 Armor Commandant for his support of all Armor soldiers; and

457 WHEREAS, Mr. Flournoy has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of
458 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
459 dramatically by his superlative service for 44 years with the Boys and Girls Club; and

460 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding contributions of this
461 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

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PART XXIV

463 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas R. "Tommie" Irvin was a seventh generation Georgian who
464 attended high school in Habersham County, where he was a talented athlete and member of
465 the football, basketball, and baseball teams; and

466 WHEREAS, Mr. Irvin served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
467 United States military during World War II, achieved the rank of sergeant in Company K
468 245th infantry Regiment 63rd Division, and was decorated with a bronze star, good conduct
469 medal, World War II victory medal, and occupation medal; and

470 WHEREAS, upon his return from the war, Mr. Irvin found his passion in car racing and
471 raced on the famed Daytona Beach road course and Soldiers Field in Chicago before
472 becoming the 16th member of NASCAR in the late 1940s; and

473 WHEREAS, an inductee in the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame, he won his biggest race in
474 1955 at Lakewood Speedway in Atlanta and opened the Banks County Speedway, which
475 became the starting place for many young drivers who later became famous; and

476 WHEREAS, a passionate coon hunter, Mr. Irvin won the World Championship for coon
477 hunting in 1973, and he raised many Redbone Coonhounds that became show and hunting
478 champions; and

479 WHEREAS, Mr. Irvin was a dedicated public servant, devoting his time and energy to the
480 Georgia Department of Agriculture for 34 years before his retirement from his position as
481 head of the Equine Division; and

482 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Sara Alice, and he was blessed
 483 with four children, Yvonne, Bruce, Bobby, and Danny; seven grandchildren; and seven
 484 great-grandchildren; and

485 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the life and memory of Mr. Irvin be
 486 appropriately recognized.

487 **PART XXV**

488 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
 489 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that:

490 (1) The bridge on Catoosa Parkway over Tiger Creek in Catoosa County is dedicated
 491 as the Bert Ward Memorial Bridge;

492 (2) The entire length of Snapfinger Road in DeKalb County from its intersection with
 493 Wesley Chapel Road to the Henry County line is dedicated as the Martin Luther King,
 494 Jr. Parkway;

495 (3) This body desires to honor Roy Parrish by renaming the portion of US 27/SR 1 from
 496 the city limits of Fort Oglethorpe south to Shields Crossing as the Roy Parrish Parkway;

497 (4) The portion of State Route 92 in Cherokee County from Neese Road to Trickum
 498 Road is dedicated as the Johnny Hunt Highway;

499 (5) This body hereby joins in honoring veterans of the Korean War and dedicates
 500 Interstate 59 in Dade County from the Alabama state line to the interchange with I-24 as
 501 the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway;

502 (6) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Marine Lance Corporal
 503 William Taylor Richards and dedicates the portion of Highway 11 in Dade County from
 504 the Alabama state line to the Tennessee state line as the Lance Corporal William Taylor
 505 Richards Memorial Highway;

506 (7) The interchange at Interstate 575 and Ridgewalk Parkway in the City of Woodstock
 507 is dedicated as the William G. Long Interchange at Ridgewalk Parkway;

508 (8) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr.,
 509 and dedicates the portion of U.S. Highway 25N from Waynesboro to Walnut Branch as
 510 the Preston B. Lewis, Jr., Memorial Highway;

511 (9) The portion of Interstate Route 520 in Richmond County from Exit 2 (Wrightsboro
 512 Road) to Exit 3 (Gordon Highway) is dedicated as the Deputy James D. Paugh Memorial
 513 Highway;

514 (10) That US 441 in Coffee County from the Douglas city limits to the Atkinson County
 515 line is dedicated as the John S. Gibson Memorial Highway;

- 516 (11) That this body hereby joins in recognizing Ricky Fitzpatrick's "Highway 98" and
517 dedicates State Route 98 from Commerce to Ila as the "Highway 98" by Ricky Fitzpatrick
518 Highway;
- 519 (12) That the portion of State Route 4 in Richmond County from Martin Luther King,
520 Jr. Boulevard to Laney Walker Boulevard is dedicated as the Ruth B. Crawford Highway;
- 521 (13) That the interchange of U.S. Route 78/State Route 10 with Interstate Route 520 in
522 Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated as the Deputy James D. Paugh Memorial
523 Interchange;
- 524 (14) That the bridge on SR 12/US 278 over Richland Creek in Greene County is
525 dedicated as the John B. Box Memorial Bridge;
- 526 (15) That United States Highway 27 in Haralson County from the Polk County line to
527 the Carroll County line is dedicated as the Harold Shedd Highway;
- 528 (16) That the portion of SR 2/US 411 in Murray County between the Eton city line and
529 Cohutta Springs Road is dedicated as the Charles N. "Judy" Poag Memorial Highway;
- 530 (17) That this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Lieutenant Kelso
531 C. Horne and dedicates the portion of U.S. Route 441/State Route 117 in Laurens County
532 from State Route 19 to U.S. Route 80 as the Kelso Horne Memorial Highway;
- 533 (18) That the bridge on SR 25 over the Norfolk Southern railroad tracks in the city limits
534 of Port Wentworth in Chatham County is dedicated as the Hugh Carroll Butler Memorial
535 Bridge;
- 536 (19) That the interchange at Interstate 85 and J.R. Allen Parkway in Muscogee County
537 is dedicated as the Jim Wetherington Interchange;
- 538 (20) That Highway 92N in Paulding County from its intersection with U.S. 278 to GA
539 120 is dedicated as the Mrs. Glenda and Dr. John Covington Highway;
- 540 (21) That the bridge over the Alapaha River on U.S. Highway 82 East in Berrien County
541 be dedicated as the Sergeant Major James E. Jones Memorial Bridge;
- 542 (22) That the appropriate public roads and highways identified within Marietta, Atlanta,
543 and Jonesboro by the Georgia Gone With the Wind Trail Committee with input from the
544 appropriate county and municipal governing authorities be designated as the Georgia
545 Gone With the Wind Trail;
- 546 (23) That the interchange of Interstate 185/State Route 411 with State Route 520/State
547 Route 1 in Muscogee County is dedicated as the John Flournoy Interchange;
- 548 (24) That this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Thomas R.
549 "Tommie" Irvin and dedicates the intersection of Highway 441 and Apple Pie Ridge
550 Road in Banks County as the Tommie Irvin Memorial Intersection;
- 551 (25) That Part XVI and the sixteenth undesignated paragraph of Part XIX of Senate
552 Resolution 1075 (Ga. L. 2010, p. 362) are hereby repealed;

553 (26) That Part V and the fifth undesignated paragraph of Part XXVIII of House
554 Resolution 507 (Ga. L. 2011, p. 900) are hereby repealed;

555 (27) The Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain
556 appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution; and

557 (28) The Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies
558 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, the family of Mr. Bert Ward, the
559 family of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the family of Roy Parrish, Jr., the family of Dr.
560 Johnny M. Hunt, and the family of Marine Lance Corporal William Tyler Richards, the
561 Honorable William G. Long, the family of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr., the family of Mr.
562 John S. Gibson, Ricky Fitzpartick, Mrs. Ruth B. Crawford, the family of Deputy James
563 D. Paugh, the family of Mr. John B. Box, Harold Shedd, the family of Mr. Charles N.
564 "Judy" Poag, the family of Lieutenant Kelso C. Horne, the family of Mr. Hugh Carroll
565 Butler, Mr. Jim Wetherington, Mrs. Glenda and Dr. John Covington, the family of
566 Sergeant Major James E. Jones, Mr. John Flournoy, and the family of Mr. Thomas R.
567 "Tommie" Irwin.