

House Resolution 45

By: Representatives Epps of the 144th, Dickey of the 140th, Beverly of the 143rd, Peake of the 141st, Bentley of the 139th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Trooper Sergeant William Fredrick Black, Jr., and dedicating an
2 interchange in his memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Sergeant William Fredrick Black,
5 Jr., on December 20, 1940; and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Macon, Georgia, Trooper Sergeant Black was assigned to District
7 2 in Cartersville and was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by
8 local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound
9 principles of law enforcement; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Sergeant Black was the first Georgia State Trooper to lose his life
11 during a vehicle stop after he was killed during a traffic stop on State Route 41 near
12 Ringgold; and

13 WHEREAS, in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice made for the call of duty, Trooper Black
14 was posthumously promoted from the rank of corporal to the rank of sergeant by then
15 Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Public Safety Lon Sullivan; and

16 WHEREAS, Trooper Sergeant Black exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
17 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 16 and Ga. 87 in Bibb County
20 is dedicated as the Trooper Sergeant William Fredrick Black, Jr., Memorial Interchange.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Trooper Sergeant William
23 Fredrick Black, Jr., Memorial Interchange.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Trooper
26 Sergeant William Fredrick Black, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.