

House Resolution 340

By: Representative Epps of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Jones Daniel Brooks, Mr. James Joe Brooks, and Mr. Freeman Charles
2 Brooks and dedicating two bridges in their honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones Daniel Brooks, Mr. James Joe Brooks, and Mr. Freeman Charles
4 Brooks have long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that they have
5 played in leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
6 Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the Brooks brothers were born to James Joe Brooks, Sr., and Lessie Jones
8 Brooks in Gordon, Georgia, where they have continued to live their entire lives; and

9 WHEREAS, the Brooks brothers dedicated a total of 111 years to the Central of Georgia, the
10 Southern, and the Norfolk Southern Railway companies, each rising to the position of
11 engineer; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. James Joe Brooks, Jr., known as J.J. Brooks, was the first Brooks brother
13 to enter the railroad business, working from 1937 to 1981; and

14 WHEREAS, J.J. Brooks served as sergeant and engineer with the Railroad Battalion in India
15 during World War II and was the last engineer for the famous passenger train the Nancy
16 Hanks, which traveled from Savannah to Atlanta and back on a daily basis; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones Daniel Brooks, known as J.D. Brooks, worked from 1940 to 1974,
18 starting with his first job shoveling coal on a steam locomotive and serving as an engineer
19 with the Railroad Battalion in France during World War II, for which he received several
20 honors; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman Charles Brooks, known as F.C. Brooks, worked from 1950 to
22 1983, and saved a man's life in Griswoldville, Georgia, after applying the emergency brake
23 and crawling onto the front step of the moving train to wave the man to safety; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
25 these distinguished Georgians be recognized with the naming of two bridges in their honor.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the east bound and west bound bridges on the Fall Line
28 Freeway over the railroad, located between Highway 18 and Highway 57 in Wilkinson
29 County, are dedicated as the Brooks Brothers' Bridges.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Brooks Brothers' Bridges.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Jones Daniel Brooks, Mr.
34 James Joe Brooks, Mr. Freeman Charles Brooks, and to the Department of Transportation.