

Senate Resolution 293

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Ralph A. Pierce and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ralph A. Pierce was born on October 17, 1912, in Lumpkin County,  
4 Georgia, and during his lifetime he played a vital role in leadership and demonstrated a deep  
5 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the United States; and

6 WHEREAS, a lifelong Lumpkin County resident, Mr. Pierce and his family operated C.D.  
7 Pierce and Son Grocery at the junction of Ga. 52 and Ga. 115 for 64 years; and

8 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Pierce was a member of Wahoo Baptist  
9 Church and taught the adult Sunday school class for over 50 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Pierce served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
11 United States Army, valiantly and courageously participating in the Normandy invasion as  
12 a TEC4 during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, prior to his passing on August 9, 2012, Mr. Pierce was the oldest living veteran  
14 in Lumpkin County at the age of 99 years, nine months, and 23 days; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
16 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming a road in his  
17 memory.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Ga. 52 in Lumpkin County from Ga. 115 to  
20 the Hall County line is dedicated as the Ralph A. Pierce Memorial Highway.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Ralph A. Pierce Memorial  
23 Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
25 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ralph A. Pierce and to  
26 the Department of Transportation.