

House Resolution 702

By: Representative Black of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Ray Daugharty and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray Daugharty was born on June 8, 1902, and spent a majority of his life
4 in Fargo, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Daugharty worked in the forestry industry his entire life, and at one time,
6 he and his brother were considered to be the largest producers of cypress crossties in the
7 United States; and

8 WHEREAS, in 1920, at the age of 18, while attempting to deliver a load of sugar to a local
9 whiskey still, Mr. Daugherty's mules refused to cross a rickety bridge over a local creek; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Daugharty decided to detour through the creek, and his wagon flooded,
11 dumping the 500 pounds of sugar into what is now known as Sweetwater Creek; and

12 WHEREAS, a respected citizen of Fargo, Mr. Daugharty was a county leader as a Clinch
13 County Commissioner and was a faithful member of the local Methodist church; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a devoted husband to his wife, Wilma Ellington, and was a loving father
15 to his children, Glenice Fogg, Willena Drewe, and George Ray Daugharty, Jr.; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
17 this distinguished Georgian be recognized with the naming of a bridge in his honor.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Ga. 177 over Sweetwater Creek between
20 Fargo and Stephen Foster State Park in Clinch County is dedicated as the Ray Daugharty
21 Memorial Bridge.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
23 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Ray Daugharty Memorial
24 Bridge.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
26 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ray
27 Daugharty and to the Department of Transportation.