

House Resolution 761

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Jim McClelland, Sr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Jim McClelland, Sr., lived his entire life in Cook County, Georgia, and
7 during his lifetime he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy
8 and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being
9 of his fellow man; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
11 States 31st Infantry Regiment during World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, in 1942, Mr. McClelland was taken captive by Japanese forces and held as a
13 prisoner of war for three years, four months, and 19 days, surviving the Bataan Death March;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were invaluable to the citizens of Cook County as
16 a member of the Lenox City Council for eight years; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on County Road 246 Kinard Bridge Road over
21 Interstate 75 in Cook County is dedicated as the Jim McClelland, Sr., POW Memorial
22 Bridge.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Jim McClelland, Sr., POW
25 Memorial Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Jim
28 McClelland, Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.