

Senator Gooch of the 51st offered the following amendment:

1 *Amend SR 293/HCS by deleting "1986" on line 92 and inserting "1968" in lieu thereof.*

2 *By inserting between line 308 and 309 the following:*

3 **PART XVIII**

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a visionary, a gentleman, and a generous and kind man
5 with the passing of Mr. Pierce Lovett Cline on November 3, 2012; and

6 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Cline played a large role in establishing a campus of
7 Georgia Perimeter College in Newton County; and

8 WHEREAS, through his real estate development company, Cline Land Company, Mr. Cline
9 was responsible for developing several high quality neighborhoods; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Cline was an avid supporter of Project Adventure, an education program
11 for troubled teens, and his work has changed the lives of countless children in Newton
12 County and throughout Georgia; and

13 WHEREAS, a graduate of Oxford College, Mr. Cline's legacy was recognized with the
14 school's lifetime achievement award, the R. Carl Chandler Award; and

15 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Margie, for 54
16 wonderful years and was blessed with three remarkable children, Carol, Charles, and Paul,
17 six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Cline's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
19 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
20 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
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22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
23 service of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

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PART XIX

WHEREAS, Melvin Ernest Thompson was born on May 1, 1903, in Millen, Georgia, the beloved son of Eva Inez Edenfield Thompson and Henry J. Thompson; and

WHEREAS, Governor Thompson earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University and a master's degree from the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in the field of education as a principal and coach at Emanuel County Institute, served as superintendent for the Hawkinsville Public School System, worked as a state school supervisor and an assistant state superintendent of schools, and served as secretary of the Executive Department under Governor Ellis Arnall; and

WHEREAS, after a two-year term as the state revenue commissioner, Governor Thompson was elected to this state's highest office in 1947; and

WHEREAS, during Governor Thompson's tenure as governor, the University of Georgia's veterinary medical school and the Georgia Institute of Technology's engineering building were constructed, educators received salary increases, and the state purchased Jekyll Island, which was turned into a successful, year-round public resort; and

WHEREAS, Governor Thompson was instrumental in the success of the City of Valdosta and Lowndes County, where his leadership as a founding member of the Valdosta-Lowndes County Industrial Authority spearheaded much of the urban development and planning for Valdosta and the surrounding areas, including the Azalea City Industrial Park; and

WHEREAS, a community leader and advocate, Governor Thompson served as chairman of the Education Committee for the Trade School Development Committee, president of the Valdosta Rotary Club, and a member of Kappa Phi Kappa, Kappa Delta Phi, WOW, Civitan, and Shriners; and

WHEREAS, Governor Thompson was united in love and marriage to his wife, Ann Newton Thompson, and he was blessed with a remarkable son, Melvin Ernest Thompson, Jr., and five grandchildren; and

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

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PART XX

WHEREAS, South Georgia is one of the few areas remaining in the United States where there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of agri-tourism represents a readily available and effective tool with which to spur economic development; and

WHEREAS, the portions of highways to be included in Georgia Grown Trail: 37 wind through miles of centennial and family owned farms; pristine hunting plantations and unique lodging; u-pick farms, farm stands, and hands-on educational farm experiences; farm to table restaurants and establishments dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes and traditions; and time-honored and progressive crops and farming techniques; and

WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being through agri-tourism.

PART XXI

WHEREAS, William Everett Bennett was born and raised in Forsyth County and graduated from Cumming High School; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army as an instructor in the Officers School at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served as chairman of the board for LEADER, a local teen safe driving education organization, as well as the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Forsyth County, and he was a program advocate for the Forsyth County Certified Literacy Community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served on the Georgia Baptist Healthcare System Board of Directors, where he was instrumental in the purchase of the old Lakeside Hospital and its conversion to Baptist North Hospital; on the board of visitors for Georgia Baptist College of Nursing at Mercer University; and on the Hawaii Baptist Academy Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett continued in generous service to the community by providing a complimentary meeting space located on the campus of Baptist Medical Center, now known

81 as Northside Hospital-Forsyth, and the Everett and Teresa Bennett Education Center is host
82 to countless assemblies that benefit the community in ways beyond measure; and

83 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett championed and advocated for the ongoing expansion of the health
84 care architecture in Forsyth County through his service on the Northside Hospital Foundation
85 Board, and his legacy as a staunch supporter for bringing quality health care services to
86 Forsyth County will benefit the citizens of that region for generations; and

87 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Rotary Club of Johns Creek and received numerous
88 honors, including the Lee Arrendale Award and being named a multiple Paul Harris Fellow,
89 a Will Watt Fellow, and a Hue Thomas Fellow; and

90 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bennett was an active member of Johns
91 Creek Baptist Church where he served as a deacon emeritus; and

92 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
93 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
94 family and friends were admired by others; and

95 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
96 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
97 made this world a better place in which to live; and

98 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Bennett will long be remembered for
99 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will
100 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

101 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate the intersection of Georgia Route 400 and
102 State Route 141 in Forsyth County as the William Everett Bennett Memorial Interchange as
103 an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

104 **PART XXII**

105 WHEREAS, Mr. William E. "Billy" Hubbard has long been recognized by the citizens of this
106 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
107 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

108 WHEREAS, Mr. Hubbard dedicated 36 years to Norfolk Southern Railway Company in
109 Gordon, Georgia, and rose to the rank of Track Supervisor and Track Inspector; and

110 WHEREAS, in the early 1960's, Mr. Hubbard helped supervise the installation of long heavy
111 welded track for coal movement between Birmingham, Alabama, and Georgia Power's Lake
112 Sinclair Power Plant; and

113 WHEREAS, he has been instrumental in assisting negotiations between the railroad and the
114 City of Gordon on several projects and assisted the city in obtaining a copy of an original
115 photograph of the first president of the Central Georgia Railroad and the city's namesake,
116 William Washington Gordon, which was used in painting two portraits that hang in city
117 buildings; and

118 WHEREAS, an active community leader, Mr. Hubbard served two terms with the Ivey City
119 Council, is a 32 degree Mason with Gordon Mason Lodge # 240, and is a member of Gordon
120 United Methodist Church and life member of American Railway Engineering; and

121 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
122 this distinguished Georgian be recognized with the naming of two bridges in his honor.

123 **PART XXIII**

124 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and with the passing of Mr.
125 K.S. "Bubba" Nobles, Jr.; and

126 WHEREAS, a native of Twiggs County, Georgia, Mr. Nobles was a lifelong farmer and
127 known around town as an unofficial veterinarian, often called upon by neighbors to help birth
128 livestock or assist sick or injured animals; and

129 WHEREAS, Mr. Nobles also served as a county school bus driver for many years and ran
130 a barbershop at night and on weekends, which was known as a great gathering place for 30
131 years; and

132 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Lois T. Nobles for 60 wonderful years
133 and was the beloved father of nine remarkable children; and

134 WHEREAS, a leader of his community, Mr. Nobles worked on campaigns of many local
135 candidates, served on the Georgia Eighth Congressional District Advisory Council, was on

136 the Board of Trustees at Twiggs Academy, and served as president of the Democratic Party
137 of Twiggs County for a number of years; and

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

140 **PART XXIV**

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

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

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

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

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

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

159 WHEREAS, Mr. Freeman Charles Brooks, known as F.C. Brooks, worked from 1950 to
160 1983, and saved a man's life in Griswoldville, Georgia, after applying the emergency brake
161 and crawling onto the front step of the moving train to wave the man to safety; and

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

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PART XXV

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WHEREAS, Colonel Benjamin H. and Anne Grant Purcell are natives of Northeast Georgia and attended North Georgia College; and

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WHEREAS, Colonel Purcell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army for over 30 years and has been recognized with numerous decorations for his service and heroism, including the Silver Star with Oak leaf Cluster, the Legion of Merit with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Purple Heart; and

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WHEREAS, after his helicopter was shot down during a combat tour in Vietnam, Colonel Purcell was captured by the Viet Cong and spent 62 months as a prisoner of war, making him the highest ranking Army P.O.W. held in Vietnam; and

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WHEREAS, during Colonel Purcell's captivity, Mrs. Purcell worked tirelessly to raise awareness of the plight of American missing and captive soldiers and became a founding member of the National League of Families of Prisoners of War and Men Missing in Southeast Asia; and

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WHEREAS, in recognition of her unwavering service to missing and captive service personnel, all while raising the couple's five children, Mrs. Purcell was honored as Fort Benning's Military Wife of the Year in 1971; and

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WHEREAS, upon his return to Georgia and the conclusion of his military career, Colonel Purcell continued to serve his community and this state as a Representative for the Georgia General Assembly, a member of the Georgia State Veterans Services Board, a member of the board of directors for the Habersham County Chamber of Commerce, and a deacon for Bethlehem Baptist Church in Clarksville; and

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WHEREAS, this amazing and inspiring couple coauthored a book, *Love and Duty*, which recounts their experiences during the Vietnam War, and they have appeared on numerous radio and television talk shows to share their story of love, faith, and courage; and

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WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of these distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized.

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PART XXVI

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most promising young citizens with the tragic passing of Leanna Nicole Craft on November 23, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Leanna was born on September 23, 1981, in Thomaston, Georgia, and was the beloved daughter of William and Alida Craft and cherished sister of Melissa Beth Craft; and

WHEREAS, a leader at Upson-Lee High School, Leanna served as a student council representative and was a member of the National Honor Society, the Beta Club, the Y-Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, Leanna was a dedicated and talented athlete, earning letters as a member of both the softball team and tennis team, and lighting up the dance floor as a member of the U-L Knights Dance Line; and

WHEREAS, Leanna cared about her church and community, being selected for the 1998 class of Youth Leadership Upson, serving as a Little Sister for the Junior Miss Pageant, and participating in local summer mission trips; and

WHEREAS, a generous and passionate young woman, Leanna will long be remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, sister, and friend is deserving of an intersection named in her honor.

PART XXVII

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

WHEREAS, Major W. David Gray was raised in Walton County, Georgia, and was a 1992 graduate of Loganville High School; and

WHEREAS, Major Gray served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force and was a member of the 13th Air Support Operations Squadron; and

WHEREAS, he was stationed in Afghanistan supporting Operation Enduring Freedom when he was killed by a suicide bomb in the Kunar province; and

219 WHEREAS, Major Gray demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy
220 and gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

221 WHEREAS, it is important that fallen soldiers are thanked for their selfless service to this
222 nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of
223 the United States; and

224 WHEREAS, Major Gray embodied the spirit of service and found meaning in something
225 greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifice of this
226 remarkable and distinguished American be honored appropriately.

227 **PART XXVIII**

228 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
229 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Mr. Pleasant Eugene Holt on April 18, 1908;
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231 WHEREAS, Mr. Holt was the town marshall of Villa Rica and was the father of seven
232 children; and

233 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short after he was shot
234 attempting to arrest a drunk man who was shooting in the streets of Villa Rica; and

235 WHEREAS, Mr. Holt exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
236 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is only fitting and proper
237 that a road be dedicated in his memory.

238 *By inserting between line 354 and 355 the following:*

239 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 11 over
240 Interstate 20 in Newton County is dedicated as the Pierce Lovett Cline Memorial Bridge.

241 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 75 in
242 Lowndes County from the West Hill Avenue exit to the North Valdosta Road exit is
243 dedicated as the Governor Melvin Ernest Thompson Memorial Highway.

244 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 37 from
245 Homerville to the Alabama state line and the portion of State Route 76 from Nashville in

246 Berrien County to the Florida state line in Brooks County are dedicated as the Georgia
247 Grown Trail: 37.

248 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Georgia Route 400
249 and State Route 141 in Forsyth County is dedicated as the William Everett Bennett Memorial
250 Interchange.

251 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the eastbound and westbound bridges
252 on the Fall Line Freeway at NeSmith Road between the City of Ivey and U.S. 441 in
253 Wilkinson County are dedicated as the William E. "Billy" Hubbard Bridges.

254 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Ga. 358 over Interstate
255 16 in Twiggs County is dedicated as the K.S. "Bubba" Nobles, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

256 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the eastbound and westbound bridges
257 on the Fall Line Freeway over the railroad, located between Highway 18 and Highway 57
258 in Wilkinson County, are dedicated as the Brooks Brothers' Bridges.

259 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that State Route 197 in Habersham County
260 from mile marker 5 to milepost 16.84 is dedicated as the Colonel Benjamin H. and Anne
261 Purcell Highway.

262 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 42 and
263 Highway 74 in Monroe County is dedicated as the Leanna Nicole Craft Memorial
264 Intersection.

265 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 20
266 in Walton County from its intersection with Highway 78 in Loganville to the Rockdale
267 County line is dedicated as the Major W. David Gray Memorial Highway.

268 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 101 in Paulding
269 County from the Paulding/Carroll county line to State Route 120 is dedicated as the Pleasant
270 Eugene Holt Memorial Highway.

271 *By deleting line 359 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

272 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation; to Mr.
273 William E. "Billy" Hubbard; to Mr. Jones Daniel Brooks, Mr. James Joe Brooks, and Mr.
274 Freeman Charles Brooks; to Colonel Benjamin H. and Anne Grant Purcell; and to the

275 *By deleting line 364 and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

276 Governor Eurith Dickson "Ed" Rivers, Mr. Jim McClelland, Sr., Mr. Pierce Lovett Cline,
277 Governor Melvin Ernest Thompson, Mr. William Everett Bennett, Mr. K.S. "Bubba" Nobles,
278 Jr., Leanna Nicole Craft, Major W. David Gray, and Mr. Pleasant Eugene Holt.