

House Resolution 1044

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Burns of the 159th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the McDougald Memorial Parkway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, the McDougald family, William Alexander and Catherine Buie McDougald
3 with their youngest child Dougald, immigrated to America in 1841 from the Island of Jura,
4 Great Britain, and settled in North Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, Dougald and his sons, John Alexander, Duncan, and William, were successful
6 farmers and turpentine producers and were active in civic projects, especially in Bulloch
7 County, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, John Alexander McDougald was a major donor in the bid to establish the First
9 District A&M School, which later was named Georgia Southern University, and as a member
10 of the city council and mayor helped the City of Statesboro obtain improved water and
11 sewerage and a complete sanitary system; and

12 WHEREAS, John Alexander McDougald's mansion on South Main Street is listed on the
13 National Register of Historic Places, and he generously gave land to an African American
14 Baptist church on Highway 67 for the benefit of his workers and their families, a church
15 named St. John the Second; and

16 WHEREAS, a most notable achievement of John Alexander McDougald is that he attracted
17 to Statesboro and was host to the internationally acclaimed chemist, Dr. Charles Holmes
18 Herty, who in the year 1900 performed experiments on pine trees located on land now
19 occupied by Georgia Southern University and whose research led to the production of Naval
20 Stores shipped from Statesboro around the world; and

21 WHEREAS, in honor of John Alexander McDougald, the General Assembly created the
22 Herty Advanced Materials Development Center which relocated from Savannah to Georgia
23 Southern University in 2012; and

24 WHEREAS, other members of the McDougald family who have a rich history in Statesboro
25 and Georgia include Bernard McDougald, who served 30 years as a member of the
26 Statesboro City Council; Ruth McDougald, author of a popular local newspaper column;
27 Walter McDougald, an active spokesperson for the growth of the college and of the
28 community of Clito; Worth McDougald, a noted professor at the University of Georgia who
29 shaped the famed Peabody Awards program; Don McDougald, who brought the first FM
30 radio station to Statesboro, developed WWNS Radio, and established the community's cable
31 television system; Maggie McDougald, one of the early communications lawyers in Georgia;
32 Sally Quinn, a noted television commentator and author of several major books, who married
33 Ben Bradley, former editor of the *Washington Post*; Michael McDougald, who has served
34 eight years as chairman of Georgia Public Broadcasting; and William McDougald, editor of
35 *Southern Living Magazine*; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated in honor of this
37 important and notable Georgia family whose talents and influence stretch from the islands
38 of Scotland to the Pine Forests of Bulloch County, Georgia.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
40 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 67 in Bulloch County from its
41 intersection with US Highway 301/State Route 73 to the Statesboro East Bypass is dedicated
42 as the McDougald Memorial Parkway.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
44 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the McDougald Memorial
45 Parkway.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
47 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the McDougald family and
48 the Department of Transportation.