

House Resolution 1057

By: Representatives Nix of the 69th, Pezold of the 133rd, and Epps of the 132nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Ray C. Anderson and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray C. Anderson graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology and
4 spent over 14 years learning the carpet trade with Deering-Milliken and Callaway Mills
5 before founding Interface, a company that produced the first free-lay carpet tiles in America;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, since the company's establishment in 1973, Interface has grown to be the
8 world's largest producer of modular commercial flooring with sales in 110 countries and
9 manufacturing facilities on four continents; and

10 WHEREAS, under the enlightened and thoughtful vision of Mr. Anderson, Interface adopted
11 a Mission Zero promise, which aims to eliminate any negative impact it may have on the
12 environment by the year 2020 and to reduce or eliminate waste and harmful emissions while
13 increasing the use of renewable materials and sources of energy; and

14 WHEREAS, a pioneer of conscientious business practices, Mr. Anderson and his dedication
15 to improving the environment have been recognized with numerous awards, including a
16 Design for Humanity Award from the American Society for Interior Designers, a Lifetime
17 Achievement Award from GreenLaw, and a River Guardian Award from the Upper
18 Chattahoochee Riverkeeper organization, just to name a few; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served as a co-chair on President Clinton's Council on
20 Sustainable Development and the 2008 Presidential Climate Action Plan; and

21 WHEREAS, a sought-after speaker and advisor on all eco-issues, Mr. Anderson was named
22 one of *TIME* magazine's Heroes of the Environment in 2007, was honored with an inaugural

23 Millennium Award from Global Green, and earned recognition as Entrepreneur of the Year
24 in 1996 from Ernst & Young and *Forbes Magazine*; and

25 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental to the numerous boards on which he served,
26 including The Georgia Conservancy, the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, Rocky Mountain
27 Institute, the David Suzuki Foundation, Emory University Board of Ethics Advisory Council,
28 the ASID Foundation, and Worldwatch Institute; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
33 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Interstate 85 in Troup County from Exit 2
34 to Exit 18 is dedicated as the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
36 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Ray C. Anderson Memorial
37 Highway.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
39 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Ray C.
40 Anderson and to the Department of Transportation.