

House Resolution 1111

By: Representatives Tanner of the 9th and Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Marcus Byrd was born in Dawson County, Georgia, a beloved son of C.B.
4 and Annie Byrd; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army, attaining the rank of sergeant;

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was dedicated to enriching and uplifting the lives of young people in
8 Dawson County, where he started volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America program in
9 1958; and

10 WHEREAS, he started the first Cub Scout pack in Dawson County and served as pack
11 master before later serving as a leader for a Boy Scout troop; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd dedicated three decades to the Boy Scouts of America organization,
13 and under his leadership and tutelage numerous young men went on to earn Eagle Scout
14 rankings and become productive adults; and

15 WHEREAS, his commitment to the organization was recognized with a Silver Beaver
16 Award; and

17 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Byrd was a member of Bethel Methodist Church, the
18 Board of Trustees for Lumpkin Campground, and the Etowah Masonic Lodge; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 53 over the Etowah River in
23 Dawson County is dedicated as the Marcus Byrd Memorial Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Marcus Byrd Memorial
26 Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Marcus
29 Byrd and to the Department of Transportation.