

House Resolution 1226

By: Representatives Williams of the 119th, Quick of the 117th, Hitchens of the 161st, Talton of the 147th, and Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Deputy David W. Gilstrap and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the passing of Deputy David W. Gilstrap on October 9, 2008; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Hapeville, Georgia, Deputy Gilstrap graduated from Rabun Gap
6 Nachoochee School and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
7 United States Armed Forces; and

8 WHEREAS, as a sergeant in the United States Armed Forces, Deputy Gilstrap was
9 recognized with numerous commendations, including an Army Achievement Medal, Good
10 Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon,
11 Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Expert Marksmanship Badge for M-16;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, after his 13 year career in the military, Deputy Gilstrap returned home to a
14 begin his career in law enforcement with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office; and

15 WHEREAS, a graduate of the North East Georgia Police Academy, Deputy Gilstrap joined
16 the Oconee County Sheriff's Office in 2005 where he worked with the traffic enforcement
17 unit; and

18 WHEREAS, Deputy Gilstrap exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
19 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting
20 and proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Ga. 53 from Mars Hill Road to Union

23 Church Road in Oconee County is dedicated as the Deputy David W. Gilstrap Memorial
24 Highway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Deputy David W. Gilstrap
27 Memorial Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Deputy David
30 W. Gilstrap and to the Department of Transportation.