

House Resolution 1281

By: Representative Chapman of the 167<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Johnny "Eric" Purvis and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnny "Eric" Purvis was the last in a long line of Purvis men devoted to  
4 building bridges in Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, for 59 years, members of the Purvis family built bridges and ensured the safety  
6 of countless Georgians traveling on local and state roads; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis was the chief crane operator for Rodgers Bridge Company for 26  
8 years; and

9 WHEREAS, he worked on bridges from Charlton County to Valdosta, including the  
10 Savannah Port, Savannah, Eulonia, Darien, and Dock Junction; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis was working on the bridge at Horse Stamp Church Road in Glynn  
12 County when he passed away of a heart attack; and

13 WHEREAS, a dedicated working man and salt of the Earth gentleman, Mr. Purvis left behind  
14 many who cherish his memory and admired his work ethic, including his wife, family, and  
15 numerous friends and co-workers; and

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 99 over Interstate 95 in Glynn  
20 County is dedicated as the Johnny "Eric" Purvis Memorial Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Johnny "Eric" Purvis  
23 Memorial Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
25 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Johnny  
26 "Eric" Purvis and to the Department of Transportation.