

House Resolution 1283

By: Representatives Harbin of the 122nd, Frazier of the 126th, Fleming of the 121st, Sims of the 123rd, Prince of the 127th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the bridge at Interstate 20 and Lewiston Road in Columbia County as the
2 Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray was an outstanding member and leader in
4 the United States Army; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty throughout his three
6 decades of military service and was the first African American commander of Fort Gordon,
7 the first African American commander of the 35th Signal Brigade, the first African American
8 commander of the 82nd Signal Battalion, and the first Signal general officer to serve as the
9 chief of staff and deputy commander of U. S. Army Europe; and

10 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gray's drive and determination led the way for the troops
11 under his command; and

12 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gray commanded the Signal Center of Excellence and Fort
13 Gordon from August 1991 until July 1994 and was instrumental in managing the base
14 expansion with the arrival of new units after the first Persian Gulf War during the nation's
15 Base Realignment and Closure initiatives; and

16 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Lieutenant General Gray continued to serve the CSRA
17 community and was deeply engaged in supporting community initiatives and projects; and

18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

24 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate the bridge at Interstate 20 and Lewiston Road
25 in Columbia County as the Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray Memorial Bridge as an
26 appropriate tribute to this outstanding man.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
28 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life and contributions of Lieutenant
29 General Robert E. Gray and his dedication and leadership to his community and this state.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge at Interstate 20 and Lewiston Road in
31 Columbia County is dedicated as the Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray Memorial Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lieutenant General Robert E.
34 Gray Memorial Bridge.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of Lieutenant
37 General Robert E. Gray and to the Department of Transportation.