

House Resolution 1302

By: Representative Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt and dedicating a bridge in her memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt was committed to uplifting the lives of children and  
4 her hard work and community spirit have impacted the lives of countless Georgians and  
5 Americans; and

6 WHEREAS, as First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Roosevelt was an influential  
7 spokesperson for human rights, children's causes, and women's issues, and her work after her  
8 husband's term as president on behalf of the League of Women Voters, volunteering for the  
9 American Red Cross, and serving as a foreign diplomat and ambassador earned her the title  
10 "First Lady of the World"; and

11 WHEREAS, the longest serving First Lady in the nation's history, Mrs. Roosevelt is the  
12 namesake for the Eleanor Roosevelt School in Warm Springs, which was one of many  
13 schools opened during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's tenure as president and was part of  
14 the Julius Rosenwald School Building Fund Program which was a major effort to provide  
15 education for African American children across the United States; and

16 WHEREAS, the Rosenwald Fund provided financial support for the construction of schools  
17 for African Americans and produced plan books to aid communities with constructing  
18 cost-efficient, architect-designed school buildings; and

19 WHEREAS, the school was named in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt in recognition of her efforts  
20 to end segregation and her dedication to civil rights; and

21 WHEREAS, President Roosevelt delivered the keynote address during the opening ceremony  
22 for the school which operated from 1937 to 1972; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
24 this distinguished woman be recognized by naming a bridge in her honor.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 85 Alternate over the railroad  
27 tracks in the City of Warm Springs in Meriwether County is dedicated as the Eleanor D.  
28 Roosevelt Memorial Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Eleanor D. Roosevelt  
31 Memorial Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mrs. Eleanor  
34 D. Roosevelt and to the Department of Transportation.