

House Resolution 1499

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Robert K. Ballew and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert K. Ballew has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and
6 neighbors; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballew was born on March 1, 1926, in Copperhill, Tennessee, the beloved
8 son of the late Robert Fulton Ballew and Helen King Ballew; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Army Air Force and was a long-time member of the Blue Ridge United Methodist
11 Church; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballew practiced law in Blue Ridge, Georgia, for more than 55 years,
13 opening his own practice on April 1, 1953, and serving as the attorney for an electric
14 company for a number of years; and

15 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
16 for his fellow citizens; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballew was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
18 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness who brought joy and happiness
19 to his many friends, neighbors, and family members; and

20 WHEREAS, a dedicated community leader, Mr. Ballew served as mayor of Blue Ridge and
21 a senator with the Georgia General Assembly and was a 32 degree Mason and Member of
22 the Shrine; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
24 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 515 over the Georgia
27 Northeastern Railroad at milepost 2.4 in Fannin County is dedicated as the Robert K. Ballew
28 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 Robert K. Ballew Memorial
31 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 Mr. Robert K.
34 Ballew and to the Department of Transportation.