

House Resolution 1526

By: Representative Bentley of the 139<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. J. Ran Cooper and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. J. Ran Cooper was a leader of the Taylor County community and the way  
4 he lived his life stands as an example and inspiration to others; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper's leadership and guidance were instrumental to the Taylor County  
6 Board of Commissioners as chairperson, and he promoted the paving of more county roads  
7 during his tenure with the board than had ever been accomplished before; and

8 WHEREAS, he built a country store where he sold groceries and gasoline and had a bus  
9 route during World War II to provide employees of Warner Robins Air Force Base with  
10 transportation between home and work; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper started Cooper Construction Company in the 1940's and he was a  
12 lifetime member and steward of Sand Bethel Methodist Church; and

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

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the northbound bridge on State Route 3 over Whitewater  
17 Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the J. Ran Cooper Memorial Bridge.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
19 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the J. Ran Cooper Memorial  
20 Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
22 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. J. Ran  
23 Cooper and to the Department of Transportation.