

House Resolution 1544 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative Roberts of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating and renaming certain portions of the state highway system; and for other
2 purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and leaders with the passing
5 of Major Henry Talmage Elrod; and

6 WHEREAS, Major Elrod was born on September 27, 1905, in Turner County, Georgia, and
7 attended the University of Georgia and Yale University; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans during
10 World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, Major Elrod single handedly attacked a flight of 22 enemy planes over Wake
12 Island and executed several low altitude bombings and strafing runs on enemy ships; and

13 WHEREAS, he became the first American to sink a Japanese warship, the *Kisaragi*, with
14 small caliber bombs delivered from a fighter aircraft; and

15 WHEREAS, when all the U.S. aircraft had been destroyed by hostile fire, Major Elrod
16 organized the remaining troops into a beach defense unit which repulsed repeated Japanese
17 attacks; and

18 WHEREAS, Major Elrod was mortally wounded on December 23, 1941, while protecting
19 his men who were carrying ammunition to a gun emplacement; and

20 WHEREAS, Major Elrod exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
21 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and
22 proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

23 **PART II**

24 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
25 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
26 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

27 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment
28 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
29 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

30 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have
31 diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve
32 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

33 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation
34 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
35 United States; and

36 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
37 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
38 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored
39 appropriately.

40 **PART III**

41 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
42 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
43 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

44 WHEREAS, Major Herndon Cummings, Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel Marion
45 Rodgers were influential Tuskegee Airmen who valiantly and courageously served this
46 nation during World War II and were born in or spent years during their childhood in
47 Laurens County, Georgia; and

48 WHEREAS, a native of Laurens County, Major Herndon Cummings enlisted in the United
49 States Air Corps on June 25, 1942, and was assigned to the 447th Bomber Group with whom
50 he served for four years;

51 WHEREAS, upon completion of his service with the Air Corps, Major Cummings enlisted
52 with the United States Air Force Reserve and dedicated 20 years of additional service to the
53 nation; and

54 WHEREAS, Colonel Marion Rodgers was raised in Dublin, Georgia, and served with an
55 anti-aircraft artillery unit and as a radio operator prior to attending flight school; and

56 WHEREAS, Colonel Rodgers was assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron, the "Red Tails,"
57 and dedicated 22 years to the Air Force before working in the civil service field for 17 years;
58 and

59 WHEREAS, Colonel Rodgers spent a year working for N.A.S.A. as a program manager on
60 the mission for Apollo 13 and was prominent in the development of electronics and
61 communications procedures with N.O.R.A.D.; and

62 WHEREAS, Colonel John Whitehead spent several years during his youth in Laurens
63 County and flew several missions over Europe during World War II; and

64 WHEREAS, known as "Mr. Death" by his fellow pilots, Colonel Whitehead was the first
65 African American test pilot for the Air Force and during his 30 year career spent more than
66 9,500 hours in the air; and

67 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
68 these distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized with the naming of an intersection
69 in their honor.

70 **PART IV**

71 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
72 enforcement officers with the passing of Deputy David W. Gilstrap on October 9, 2008; and

73 WHEREAS, a native of Hapeville, Georgia, Deputy Gilstrap graduated from Rabun Gap
74 Nachoochee School and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
75 United States Armed Forces; and

76 WHEREAS, as a sergeant in the United States Armed Forces, Deputy Gilstrap was
77 recognized with numerous commendations, including an Army Achievement Medal, Good
78 Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon,
79 Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Expert Marksmanship Badge for M-16;
80 and

81 WHEREAS, after his 13 year career in the military, Deputy Gilstrap returned home to a
82 begin his career in law enforcement with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office; and

83 WHEREAS, a graduate of the North East Georgia Police Academy, Deputy Gilstrap joined
84 the Oconee County Sheriff's Office in 2005 where he worked with the traffic enforcement
85 unit; and

86 WHEREAS, Deputy Gilstrap exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
87 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting
88 and proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

89 **PART V**

90 WHEREAS, Mr. William Riley Curry served in the Georgia General Assembly during the
91 1910s and 1920s and entertained many legislators and governors in his home, and he
92 organized and was president and majority stockholder of People's Bank of Shellman, now
93 known as First State Bank of Randolph County, and was a major benefactor of the Georgia
94 Baptist Children's Home, where he established the Nena Ferguson Curry Children's Fund;
95 and at the height of the Great Depression, he established the \$100,000.00 Curry Choir of
96 Christianity at Mercer University, which act of philanthropy allowed Mercer University to
97 remain open at a time when many private universities were forced to close, and he developed
98 railroad lines throughout the South with other capitalists, who were also guests at the family
99 home; and

100 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry built the Curry Home in Shellman, Georgia, in 1906; the home was
101 designed by the architectural firm of Dennis & Dennis of Macon and was constructed by
102 W.I. Jay & Co.; and

103 WHEREAS, he remodeled the imposing, two-story, white clapboard home in 1926, and in
104 1963 James Riley Curry, Sr., inherited the property and commissioned a vast renovation,
105 which was undertaken by the Hugh Gaston Architecture Co. of Albany; and

106 WHEREAS, the current owner, William Scott Curry II, purchased the home from the heirs
107 of the J. R. Curry, Sr., Estate in 2012, and in April of 2013 he began an extensive renovation
108 and remodel of the home; and

109 WHEREAS, the many interesting historic features of the house include fluted ionic columns,
110 unusually fine, leaded cut-glass windows surrounding the massive front doorway, richly
111 colored stained-glass windows, intricately designed bronze ceilings, mahogany wainscoting
112 of the front entrance hall and formal dining room, and the crystal chandelier in the foyer; and

113 WHEREAS, the home in Randolph County stands as a fine monument to Mr. William Riley
114 Curry, a successful Georgia entrepreneur and great philanthropist.

115 **PART VI**

116 WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Eugene Parham has long been recognized by the citizens of this
117 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
118 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

119 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Mr.
120 Parham's interest in politics was piqued as he worked as a pharmacist for Representative
121 Culver Kidd at the Culver & Kidd Drugstore; and

122 WHEREAS, Mr. Parham successfully ran for the Baldwin County School Board and served
123 as a Baldwin County Commissioner before he was elected to the Georgia House of
124 Representatives; and

125 WHEREAS, he ably and adeptly served his constituents and the State of Georgia as a
126 Representative from 1974 until his retirement in 2009; and

127 WHEREAS, as a member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Parham served on the House
128 Committees on Appropriations, Rules, and Health & Ecology and as chairperson of the
129 House Committee on Transportation; and

130 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the House in 2009, Mr. Parham was elected to the
131 State Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation, representing his hometown
132 of Milledgeville and Baldwin County; and

133 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
134 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized with the naming of a
135 bridge in his honor.

136 **PART VII**

137 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
138 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
139 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

140 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment
141 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
142 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

143 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have
144 diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve
145 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

146 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation
147 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
148 United States; and

149 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
150 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
151 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored
152 appropriately.

153 **PART VIII**

154 WHEREAS, the McDougald family, William Alexander and Catherine Buie McDougald
155 with their youngest child Dougald, immigrated to America in 1841 from the Island of Jura,
156 Great Britain, and settled in North Carolina; and

157 WHEREAS, Dougald and his sons, John Alexander, Duncan, and William, were successful
158 farmers and turpentine producers and were active in civic projects, especially in Bulloch
159 County, Georgia; and

160 WHEREAS, John Alexander McDougald was a major donor in the bid to establish the First
161 District A&M School, which later was named Georgia Southern University, and as a member

162 of the city council and mayor helped the City of Statesboro obtain improved water and
163 sewerage and a complete sanitary system; and

164 WHEREAS, John Alexander McDougald's mansion on South Main Street is listed on the
165 National Register of Historic Places, and he generously gave land to an African American
166 Baptist church on Highway 67 for the benefit of his workers and their families, a church
167 named St. John the Second; and

168 WHEREAS, a most notable achievement of John Alexander McDougald is that he attracted
169 to Statesboro and was host to the internationally acclaimed chemist, Dr. Charles Holmes
170 Herty, who in the year 1900 performed experiments on pine trees located on land now
171 occupied by Georgia Southern University and whose research led to the production of Naval
172 Stores shipped from Statesboro around the world; and

173 WHEREAS, in honor of John Alexander McDougald, the General Assembly created the
174 Herty Advanced Materials Development Center which relocated from Savannah to Georgia
175 Southern University in 2012; and

176 WHEREAS, other members of the McDougald family who have a rich history in Statesboro
177 and Georgia include Bernard McDougald, who served 30 years as a member of the
178 Statesboro City Council; Ruth McDougald, author of a popular local newspaper column;
179 Walter McDougald, an active spokesperson for the growth of the college and of the
180 community of Clito; Worth McDougald, a noted professor at the University of Georgia who
181 shaped the famed Peabody Awards program; Don McDougald, who brought the first FM
182 radio station to Statesboro, developed WWNS Radio, and established the community's cable
183 television system; Maggie McDougald, one of the early communications lawyers in Georgia;
184 Sally Quinn, a noted television commentator and author of several major books, who married
185 Ben Bradley, former editor of the *Washington Post*; Michael McDougald, who has served
186 eight years as chairman of Georgia Public Broadcasting; and William McDougald, editor of
187 *Southern Living Magazine*; and

188 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated in honor of this
189 important and notable Georgia family whose talents and influence stretch from the islands
190 of Scotland to the Pine Forests of Bulloch County, Georgia.

191 **PART IX**

192 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray C. Anderson graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology and
193 spent over 14 years learning the carpet trade with Deering-Milliken and Callaway Mills
194 before founding Interface, a company that produced the first free-lay carpet tiles in America;
195 and

196 WHEREAS, since the company's establishment in 1973, Interface has grown to be the
197 world's largest producer of modular commercial flooring with sales in 110 countries and
198 manufacturing facilities on four continents; and

199 WHEREAS, under the enlightened and thoughtful vision of Mr. Anderson, Interface adopted
200 a Mission Zero promise, which aims to eliminate any negative impact it may have on the
201 environment by the year 2020 and to reduce or eliminate waste and harmful emissions while
202 increasing the use of renewable materials and sources of energy; and

203 WHEREAS, a pioneer of conscientious business practices, Mr. Anderson and his dedication
204 to improving the environment have been recognized with numerous awards, including a
205 Design for Humanity Award from the American Society for Interior Designers, a Lifetime
206 Achievement Award from GreenLaw, and a River Guardian Award from the Upper
207 Chattahoochee Riverkeeper organization, just to name a few; and

208 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served as a co-chair on President Clinton's Council on
209 Sustainable Development and the 2008 Presidential Climate Action Plan; and

210 WHEREAS, a sought-after speaker and advisor on all eco-issues, Mr. Anderson was named
211 one of *TIME* magazine's Heroes of the Environment in 2007, was honored with an inaugural
212 Millennium Award from Global Green, and earned recognition as Entrepreneur of the Year
213 in 1996 from Ernst & Young and *Forbes Magazine*; and

214 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental to the numerous boards on which he served,
215 including The Georgia Conservancy, the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, Rocky Mountain
216 Institute, the David Suzuki Foundation, Emory University Board of Ethics Advisory Council,
217 the ASID Foundation, and Worldwatch Institute; and

218 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
219 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming a road in his
220 memory.

221 **PART X**

222 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated public
223 servants with the passing of Judge Arthur M. Kaplan on January 1, 2010; and

224 WHEREAS, a native of Covington, Georgia, Judge Kaplan was born on January 5, 1925, the
225 beloved son of Nathan Kaplan and Lena Mischelevich Kaplan; and

226 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
227 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting America during World War II in five
228 invasions in the Pacific theater of war; and

229 WHEREAS, a John Marshall School of Law graduate, Judge Kaplan practiced civil and
230 criminal law for 50 years and was appointed to the Atlanta Municipal Court in 1973 by
231 Mayor Sam Massell; and

232 WHEREAS, he used the life-saving skills he obtained in the Navy to teach members of the
233 Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Secret
234 Service, Atlanta Fire Rescue, and nursing students at Grady Memorial Hospital emergency
235 medical care techniques at the Atlanta Police Academy; and

236 WHEREAS, Judge Kaplan taught more than 15,000 people in emergency medical care and
237 rendered emergency first aid to more than 30,000 people; and

238 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
239 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming an intersection in his
240 memory.

241 **PART XI**

242 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost an icon of strength with the passing of twelve-year-old
243 Kenneth Webster Stewart, III after a five-year battle with medulloblastoma; and

244 WHEREAS, his suffering brought together his community with a renewed love and sense
245 of doing the right thing; and

246 WHEREAS, throughout his journey more than 800 people followed his progress through his
247 Facebook prayer-group page and more than 1,012 people came to pay their respects to his
248 family upon his passing; and

249 WHEREAS, Kenneth, who one day hoped of serving in the Army, was given the nickname
250 "Soldier Boy" by the community that also dedicated Rock Creek Park Field #12 to his
251 memory by renaming it Kenneth Stewart, III Field "Soldier Boy"; and

252 WHEREAS, his true love of baseball was further celebrated when he had the opportunity to
253 serve as a bat boy during a baseball game held at Turner Field benefiting Children's
254 Healthcare of Atlanta; and

255 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
256 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an
257 intersection in his memory.

258 **PART XII**

259 WHEREAS, Mr. Marcus Byrd was born in Dawson County, Georgia, a beloved son of C.B.
260 and Annie Byrd; and

261 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
262 States Army, attaining the rank of sergeant;

263 WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was dedicated to enriching and uplifting the lives of young people in
264 Dawson County, where he started volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America program in
265 1958; and

266 WHEREAS, he started the first Cub Scout pack in Dawson County and served as pack
267 master before later serving as a leader for a Boy Scout troop; and

268 WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd dedicated three decades to the Boy Scouts of America organization,
269 and under his leadership and tutelage numerous young men went on to earn Eagle Scout
270 rankings and become productive adults; and

271 WHEREAS, his commitment to the organization was recognized with a Silver Beaver
272 Award; and

273 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Byrd was a member of Bethel Methodist Church, the
274 Board of Trustees for Lumpkin Campground, and the Etowah Masonic Lodge; and

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

277 **PART XIII**

278 WHEREAS, Mr. Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton has long been recognized by the citizens of
279 this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
280 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family,
281 friends, and neighbors; and

282 WHEREAS, Mr. Newton was born in Jenkins County, the beloved son of the late John Cleve
283 and Ruby Aycock Newton, and he graduated from the University of Georgia; and

284 WHEREAS, one of Jenkins County's most successful farmers and dairymen, Mr. Newton
285 was a member of the Jenkins County Farm Bureau and the Georgia Dairy Association; and

286 WHEREAS, he ably and adeptly served three terms in the Georgia House of Representatives
287 and one term in the Georgia Senate, championing the interests of his constituents; and

288 WHEREAS, prior to joining the Georgia Senate in 1961, Mr. Newton was a member of the
289 Jenkins County Board of Commissioners for 20 years and served as chairperson for 14 years;
290 and

291 WHEREAS, his leadership was invaluable as vice president and director of the Bank of
292 Millen, director of Millen Warehouse Company, president of Millen Industrial Development
293 Company, president of the Jenkins County Authority, and vice president of John Wilson
294 Company; and

295 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Newton was a member of Millen
296 Methodist Church, where he was active in Bible Class, and was a member of the Millen
297 Rotary Club; and

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

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PART XIV

301 WHEREAS, Eurith Dickinson "Ed" Rivers has long been recognized by the citizens of this
302 state for the vital role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
303 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

304 WHEREAS, Governor Rivers served in both chambers of the General Assembly, adeptly
305 representing the interests of his constituents in Lanier County; and

306 WHEREAS, as a member of the Georgia State Senate, Governor Rivers demonstrated
307 invaluable leadership and was elected to serve as President Pro Tempore by his colleagues;
308 and

309 WHEREAS, he was elected Governor by the citizens of Georgia in 1936 and won reelection
310 in 1939; and

311 WHEREAS, Governor Rivers served the State of Georgia with honor and distinction, and
312 his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

313 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
314 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming a road in his
315 memory.

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PART XV

317 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., influential pastor
318 and leader of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s, be honored by his home state
319 for his many contributions to the greater good of this state and the nation.

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PART XVI

321 WHEREAS, the Sledge family has been part of Peach County since the county's formation,
322 and generations of the Sledge family have been integral leaders in the community; and

323 WHEREAS, Mr. Carlton Harmon "Bud" Sledge was a lifelong resident of Peach County and
324 patriarch of the Sledge family; and

325 WHEREAS, Mr. Sledge donated land to the county which allowed for the construction of
326 a bridge and interchange at the intersection of Interstate 75 and Russell Parkway; and

327 WHEREAS, the lives of countless Peach County residents and visitors have been improved
328 thanks to Mr. Sledge's generous donation; and

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

331 **PART XVII**

332 WHEREAS, Stanton Springs spans 1,620 acres of gently rolling countryside near Covington,
333 Social Circle, Monticello, and Madison, Georgia; and

334 WHEREAS, Stanton Springs incorporates specific areas for residential, light
335 business/industrial/distribution, commercial/retail, and office uses in mid- to low-rise
336 buildings that blend gracefully with their surrounding environment; and

337 WHEREAS, this development stands as one of Georgia's premier economic development
338 achievements, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated in its honor.

339 **PART XVIII**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

355 **PART XIX**

356 WHEREAS, Mr. Olief Wainwright was a lifelong resident of the Crowell/Fickling Mill
357 Community in Taylor County; and

358 WHEREAS, Mr. Wainwright served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
359 the United States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow citizens
360 during the Korean Conflict; and

361 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Wainwright was actively involved in his
362 church's ministry, served on mission trips to South America and throughout the United
363 States, and coordinated many construction efforts to repair church roofs, install wheelchair
364 ramps, and build furniture and pews; and

365 WHEREAS, Mr. Wainwright helped to replace a breached dam at the Taylor County
366 landmark of Fickling Mill on four separate occasions, and due to his hard work and
367 dedication, the landmark continues to be enjoyed by many Taylor County visitors and local
368 residents; and

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

371 **PART XX**

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

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

380 WHEREAS, the longest serving First Lady in the nation's history, Mrs. Roosevelt is the
381 namesake for the Eleanor Roosevelt School in Warm Springs, which was one of many

382 schools opened during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's tenure as president and was part of
383 the Julius Rosenwald School Building Fund Program which was a major effort to provide
384 education for African American children across the United States; and

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

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

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

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

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PART XXI

395 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodney Mims Cook has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
396 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
397 welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family,
398 friends, and neighbors; and

399 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was born in Atlanta, the beloved son of the late James Leslie and
400 Bess Mims Cook, and he graduated summa cum laude and as class valedictorian from
401 Washington and Lee University; and

402 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
403 States Navy as a lieutenant in the Pacific Theater during World War II; and

404 WHEREAS, one of the first Republicans to be elected in Georgia since Reconstruction, Mr.
405 Cook served simultaneously as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives and as
406 an at-large member of the Atlanta City Council, helping to foster Atlanta's exponential
407 growth during the 1960s and 1970s; and

408 WHEREAS, as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives he served on the
409 appropriations, ways and means, and industry committees, served as chairman of the Georgia
410 Republican Party, and was the party nominee for Governor in 1978; and

411 WHEREAS, mentored by Martin Luther King, Sr., and Mayors William Hartsfield and Ivan
412 Allen, Mr. Cook fought to integrate Atlanta neighborhoods with his notable speech on the
413 floor of the Atlanta City Council urging the tearing down of the "Peyton Wall" which was
414 a barrier built to stop black citizens from moving into a white section of Atlanta and was
415 referred to as the "Berlin Wall" by the black community; and

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

418 **PART XXII**

419 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
420 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
421 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

422 WHEREAS, a native of Sparks, Georgia, Staff Sergeant Williams was a graduate of Cook
423 High School and was active with the Adel-Cook Recreational Department; and

424 WHEREAS, he lost his life in combat in Iraq protecting the freedoms that all United States
425 citizens cherish; and

426 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
427 this distinguished Georgian be recognized by naming a road in his honor.

428 **PART XXIII**

429 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
430 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
431 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

432 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Rowan was born on September 22, 1924, and
433 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and the
434 United States Air Force; and

435 WHEREAS, during his years of service with the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel
436 Rowan served as a radio operator and bombardier and flew on 24 missions over Germany;
437 and

438 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Rowan later joined the United States Air Force to train as
439 a pilot and flew 100 missions in the F-80 Shooting Star aircraft during the Korean War; and

440 WHEREAS, he served as a Forward Air Controller during the Vietnam War and flew 135
441 missions in the O-35 aircraft before retiring with 26 years of service; and

442 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Rowan demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
443 protecting democracy and dedicated his life to ensuring the well-being of his fellow man; and

444 WHEREAS, it is important that men and women of the armed forces are thanked for their
445 selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the
446 people and ideals of the United States; and

447 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Rowan embodied the spirit of service and found meaning
448 in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifice
449 of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored appropriately.

450 **PART XXIV**

451 WHEREAS, Middle and South Georgia are among the few areas remaining in the United
452 States where there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant
453 agricultural operations; and

454 WHEREAS, the promotion of agri-tourism represents a readily available and effective tool
455 with which to spur economic development; and

456 WHEREAS, the portions of highways to be included in the Georgia Grown Trail wind
457 through miles of family owned farms; pristine hunting plantations and unique lodging; u-pick
458 farms, farm stands, and hands-on educational farm experiences; farm-to-table restaurants and
459 establishments dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes, traditions, and crops and
460 farming techniques; and

461 WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being
462 through agri-tourism.

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PART XXV

464 WHEREAS, Honorable Emma Gresham has long been recognized by the citizens of this
465 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
466 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

467 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted over two decades of her time,
468 talents, and energy to improving the lives of her neighbors as mayor of the Town of
469 Keysville; and

470 WHEREAS, Mayor Gresham was born in 1925 in Reidsville, Georgia, the beloved daughter
471 of Reverend Marvin B. Rhodes, an African Methodist Episcopal pastor and teacher, and Ida
472 Rhodes, a church missionary and Sunday school teacher; and

473 WHEREAS, a graduate of Boggs Academy, Mayor Gresham devoted 32 years to challenging
474 and inspiring the future leaders of this state as an educator in Augusta, teaching second grade
475 and mentally challenged students; and

476 WHEREAS, in the early 1980's, she became involved with Keysville Concerned Citizens,
477 a group seeking better living conditions for the community, and through her work with this
478 group, Mayor Gresham learned that Keysville had been registered as a town and
479 incorporated, yet had not had official leadership in 55 years; and

480 WHEREAS, determined to improve the lives of her neighbors through public service, Mayor
481 Gresham was elected mayor in 1985, but due to a loophole in the town's charter which
482 prevented an official election, Mayor Gresham served as mayor for only five hours; and

483 WHEREAS, after several years of community outreach, legal battles, and two Supreme
484 Court cases, Keysville held an election for mayor in 1988, and Mayor Gresham was again
485 recognized by the people as the most fitting person to lead; and

486 WHEREAS, located 25 miles south of Augusta in Burke County, Keysville is home to an
487 unofficial population of 319 and during Mayor Gresham's tenure established a water system,
488 a waste-water treatment plant, city streetlights, and a health facility and earned the title of a
489 Certified Literate Community; and

490 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
491 this distinguished woman be recognized by dedicating a road in her honor.

492 **PART XXVI**

493 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
494 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
495 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

496 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment
497 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
498 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

499 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have
500 diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve
501 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

502 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation
503 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
504 United States; and

505 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
506 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
507 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored
508 appropriately.

509 **PART XXVII**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

534 **PART XXVIII**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

557 **PART XXIX**

558 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and leaders with the passing
559 of Mr. George Duke Beasley; and

560 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley was born on January 19, 1922, in Indianapolis, and he and his two
561 brothers were raised by their mother, Emma Ruth Vance Beasley; and

562 WHEREAS, he graduated with honors from Crispus Attucks High School, where he served
563 as captain of the school's basketball team, and attended North Carolina Agricultural and
564 Technical State University; and

565 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
566 United States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans
567 during World War II; and

568 WHEREAS, in addition to his service during World War II, Mr. Beasley served in five
569 military campaigns and was recognized with honors such as the Purple Heart and the U.S.
570 Army Soldier's Medal of Valor for saving the life of a fellow soldier while risking his own;
571 and

572 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Wilberforce University, where he joined
573 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and was active in the Students for Democratic Action
574 Committee, and a master's degree from Indiana University; and

575 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Mr. Beasley served as claims director for the Indiana
576 Employment Security Division, Northeast Regional Director and Director of the State
577 Regional Offices for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Deputy District Director of the
578 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the head administrator for the Georgia
579 Office of Fair Employment Practices; and

580 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
581 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and
582 proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

583 **PART XXX**

584 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
585 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
586 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

587 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Elvin Hickox demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
588 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to
589 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

590 WHEREAS, he served as guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States
591 military; and

592 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation
593 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
594 United States; and

595 WHEREAS, Mr. Hickox embodied the spirit of service and was willing to find meaning in
596 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
597 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
598 appropriately.

599 **PART XXXI**

600 WHEREAS, often called "Mr. Wid," Mr. William Eugene Bone was a talented builder whose
601 legacy stands tribute throughout Taylor County, Georgia, with numerous homes and historic
602 buildings; and

603 WHEREAS, Mr. Bone's work throughout the county is exemplified by buildings such as the
604 Hugh Cheek home in Butler, the Garrett home in Charing, the Charing post office, and the
605 Cooper home in Rupert, all which were built from 1911 to 1914; and

606 WHEREAS, he is said to have built the first bridge that crossed Whitewater Creek at a time
607 when automobiles started traveling the route when it was a mere dust trail; and

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

610 **PART XXXII**

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

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

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

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

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

623 **PART XXXIII**

624 WHEREAS, Mr. Reginald S. Carter, Sr., was recognized by the citizens of this state for the
625 vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
626 citizens of Georgia; and

627 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
628 States Armed Forces for over 25 years during World War II and the Vietnam War; and

629 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
630 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
631 dramatically by his superlative service with the Taylor County Board of Education and the
632 Tax Assessors Board; and

633 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
634 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

637 **PART XXXIV**

638 WHEREAS, Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr., played vital roles in leadership and demonstrated
639 great commitment to improving the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

640 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hice diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours
641 of their time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of their community and state; and

642 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
643 remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized by dedicating a bridge in their
644 memory.

645 **PART XXXV**

646 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
647 enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. William T. "Boss" Mull; and

648 WHEREAS, Chief Mull served as police chief of the McCaysville Police Department for 11
649 years and dedicated 46 years to protecting and serving the citizens of Georgia as a member
650 of law enforcement; and

651 WHEREAS, Chief Mull tragically lost his life while apprehending a fugitive in Coletown,
652 Georgia; and

653 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to dedicate a bridge in his honor.

654

PART XXXVI

655 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
656 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 112 from Rebecca to Ashburn
657 in Turner County is dedicated as the Major Henry Talmage Elrod Memorial Highway.

658 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring
659 military veterans and dedicates the portion U.S. Highway 19 from its intersection with the
660 north Lee County line to its intersection with the south Lee County line as Veterans
661 Memorial Highway.

662 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 80 at
663 U.S. 441 Bypass in Laurens County is dedicated as the Tuskegee Airmen Major Herndon
664 Cummings, Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel Marion Rodgers Intersection.

665 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 53 from Mars Hill
666 Road to Union Church Road in Oconee County is dedicated as the Deputy David W. Gilstrap
667 Memorial Highway.

668 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. Route 82 over
669 Pachitla Creek in Randolph County is dedicated as the William Riley Curry Bridge.

670 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on East Hancock Street and
671 Ga. 24 over the Oconee River in Baldwin County is dedicated as the Bobby Parham Bridge.

672 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring
673 military veterans and dedicates the interchange of I-475 and Thomaston Road in Macon-Bibb
674 County as Veterans of All Wars Interchange.

675 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 67 in
676 Bulloch County from its intersection with US Highway 301/State Route 73 to the Statesboro
677 East Bypass is dedicated as the McDougald Memorial Parkway.

678 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 85 in Troup
679 County from Exit 2 to Exit 18 is dedicated as the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway.

680 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 237
681 at Cheshire Bridge in Fulton County is dedicated as the Judge Arthur M. Kaplan Memorial
682 Intersection.

683 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 53 and
684 Perimeter Road in Dawsonville is dedicated as the Kenneth Webster Stewart, III Memorial
685 Intersection.

686 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 53 over the
687 Etowah River in Dawson County is dedicated as the Marcus Byrd Memorial Bridge.

688 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 67 in Jenkins
689 County from the southernmost point of the Ogeechee River Bridges to its intersection with
690 Ga. 121 is dedicated as the Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton Memorial Highway.

691 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 122 in Lanier
692 County that runs beside Banks Lake from the City of Lakeland to the Lowndes County line
693 is dedicated as the Governor Eurith Dickinson "Ed" Rivers Memorial Highway.

694 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 107 from Ga.
695 90/Ga. 11 in Fitzgerald to U.S. Highway 319 is dedicated as the M.L.K., Jr., Memorial
696 Highway.

697 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at the intersection of
698 Interstate 75 and Russell Parkway in Peach County is dedicated as the C.H. "Bud" Sledge
699 Memorial Bridge.

700 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 12/U.S.
701 Route 278 in Newton County from .7 miles south of Interstate Route 20 at Exit 101 to the
702 Walton County line north of Interstate Route 20 is dedicated as the Stanton Springs Parkway.

703 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 99 over
704 Interstate 95 in Glynn County is dedicated as the Johnny "Eric" Purvis Memorial Bridge.

705 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Patsiliga Creek on
706 State Route 137 near Fickling Mill Dam in Taylor County is dedicated as the Olief
707 Wainwright Memorial Bridge.

708 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 85 Alternate
709 over the railroad tracks in the City of Warm Springs in Meriwether County is dedicated as
710 the Eleanor D. Roosevelt Memorial Bridge.

711 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 75 where it
712 merges with Interstate 85 at Exit 242 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Rodney Mims
713 Cook Memorial Highway.

714 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 76 in Cook
715 County from 4th Street in Adel to the Brooks County line is dedicated as the United States
716 Army Staff Sergeant Briand T. Williams Memorial Highway.

717 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 135
718 in Berrien County from its intersection with Georgia Highway 76 to Georgia Highway 168
719 is dedicated as the Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Rowan Memorial Highway.

720 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Route 41 from the
721 northernmost point of Houston County to the Florida state line is dedicated as the Georgia
722 Grown Trail: 41.

723 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 88 in the
724 city limits of Keysville in Burke County is dedicated as the Mayor Emma Gresham Highway.

725 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 475 at
726 Bolingbroke in Monroe County is dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Interchange.

727 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signs dedicating the Veterans Memorial Interchange
728 shall include "Home of the 148th BSB, Deployed to Iraq in 2005 and 2006."

729 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at Interstate 20 and
730 Lewiston Road in Columbia County is dedicated as the Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray
731 Memorial Bridge.

732 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 over
733 the Georgia Northeastern Railroad at milepost 2.4 in Fannin County is dedicated as the
734 Robert K. Ballew Memorial Bridge.

735 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 in
736 southern Fulton County from U.S. Route 29 (Roosevelt Highway) to the Douglas County line
737 is dedicated as the George Duke Beasley Memorial Highway.

738 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Big Creek on U.S. 82
739 .7 miles from Schlatterville and 3.1 miles from Hoboken West in Brantley County is renamed
740 as the Charles E. Hickox Memorial Bridge.

741 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the southbound bridge on State Route
742 3 over Whitewater Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the William Eugene Bone
743 Memorial Bridge.

744 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the northbound bridge on State Route
745 3 over Whitewater Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the J. Ran Cooper Memorial
746 Bridge.

747 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the southbound bridge on State Route
748 3 over Cedar Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the Reginald S. Carter, Sr., Memorial
749 Bridge.

750 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 over
751 Rock Creek in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr., Memorial
752 Bridge.

753 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 5 over the
754 Toccoa River in Fannin County is dedicated as the William T. "Boss" Mull Memorial Bridge.

755 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
756 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
757 resolution.

758 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of is authorized and directed to
759 transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the
760 families of Major Henry Talmage Elrod; Tuskegee Airmen Major Herndon Cummings,
761 Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel Marion Rodgers; Deputy David W. Gilstrap; Mr.
762 William Riley Curry; Mr. Ray C. Anderson; Judge Arthur M. Kaplan; Kenneth Webster
763 Stewart, III; Mr. Marcus Byrd; Mr. Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton; Governor Eurith Dickinson

764 "Ed" Rivers; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mr. Carlton Harmon "Bud" Sledge; Mr. Johnny
765 "Eric" Purvis; Mr. Olief Wainwright; Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt; Mr. Rodney Mims Cook;
766 United States Army Staff Sergeant Briand T. Williams; Lieutenant Colonel Charles W.
767 Rowan; Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray; Mr. Robert K. Ballew; Mr. George Duke
768 Beasley; Charles E. Hickox; Mr. William Eugene Bone; Mr. J. Ran Cooper; Mr. Reginald
769 S. Carter, Sr.; Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr.; and Mr. William T. "Boss" Mull; and Mr. Bobby
770 Eugene Parham; the McDougald family; and Mayor Emma Gresham.