

Senate Resolution 1157

By: Senator Stone of the 23rd

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Billy Alonzo Johnson and dedicating a road in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and leaders with the passing  
4 of Mr. Billy Alonzo Johnson; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born on March 7, 1925, in Emanuel County, Georgia, and  
6 graduated from Swainsboro High and Industrial School; and

7 WHEREAS, he attended Savannah State College, Tuskegee Institute, and Georgia Southern  
8 College and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States  
9 Navy, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson inspired and challenged the future leaders of this state as an  
11 educator with the Jefferson, Screven, Laurens, and Emanuel counties school systems and  
12 retired in 1981 after 35 years of dedicated service; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Johnson was an active member of Piney  
14 Grove Missionary Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon and chairman of the trustee  
15 board; and

16 WHEREAS, he served as mayor of the City of Wadley for 17 years, until his passing on May  
17 26, 2001; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an active member of the Georgia Association of Educators,  
19 National Education Association, Georgia Municipal Association, National Conference of  
20 Black Mayors, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Georgia Coalition for Hunger, and Voter  
21 Education Project; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that U.S. Route 1 Bypass in the City of Wadley in Jefferson  
27 County is dedicated as the Billy Alonzo Johnson Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Billy Alonzo Johnson  
30 Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Billy Alonzo Johnson  
33 and to the Department of Transportation.