

House Resolution 1544 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Roberts of the 155<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating and renaming certain portions of the state highway system; repealing a portion  
2 of a resolution dedicating portions of the state highway system approved on May 7, 2013  
3 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 951); and for other purposes.

#### 4 **PART I**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

24 **PART II**

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

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

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

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

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

41 **PART III**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

65 WHEREAS, known as "Mr. Death" by his fellow pilots, Colonel Whitehead was the first  
66 African American test pilot for the Air Force and during his 30 year career spent more than  
67 9,500 hours in the air; and

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

71 **PART IV**

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

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

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

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

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

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

90 **PART V**

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

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

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

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

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

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

116 **PART VI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

137 **PART VII**

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

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

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

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

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

154 **PART VIII**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**PART IX**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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**PART X**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**PART XI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

259 **PART XII**

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

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

264 WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was dedicated to enriching and uplifting the lives of young people in  
265 Dawson County, where he started volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America program in  
266 1958; and

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

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

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

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

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

278 **PART XIII**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**PART XIV**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**PART XV**

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

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**PART XVI**

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

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

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

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

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

332 **PART XVII**

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

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

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

340 **PART XVIII**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

356 **PART XIX**

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

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

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

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

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

372 **PART XX**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

395 **PART XXI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

419 **PART XXII**

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

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

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

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

429 **PART XXIII**

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

451 **PART XXIV**

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

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

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

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

464

**PART XXV**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

493

**PART XXVI**

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

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

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

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

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

510

**PART XXVII**

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

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

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

520 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gray commanded the Signal Center of Excellence and Fort  
521 Gordon from August 1991 until July 1994 and was instrumental in managing the base

522 expansion with the arrival of new units after the first Persian Gulf War during the nation's  
523 Base Realignment and Closure initiatives; and

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

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

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

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

535 **PART XXVIII**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

558 **PART XXIX**

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

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

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

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

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

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

576 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Mr. Beasley served as claims director for the Indiana  
577 Employment Security Division, Northeast Regional Director and Director of the State

578 Regional Offices for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Deputy District Director of the  
579 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the head administrator for the Georgia  
580 Office of Fair Employment Practices; and

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

584 **PART XXX**

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

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

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

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

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

600 **PART XXXI**

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

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

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

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

611 **PART XXXII**

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

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

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

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

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

624 **PART XXXIII**

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

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

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

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

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

638 **PART XXXIV**

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

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

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

646 **PART XXXV**

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

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

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

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

655 **PART XXXVI**

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

659 WHEREAS, a native of Douglas County, Georgia, Private First Class Melvin Johnson was  
660 born on February 16, 1949, the beloved son of Loren Johnson; and



661 WHEREAS, Private First Class Johnson was a loving brother to his siblings, Willie, Tony,  
662 and Vicki; and

663 WHEREAS, a graduate of R.L. Cousins High School in 1966, Private First Class Johnson  
664 became an infantry soldier with the United States Armed Forces in November, 1968; and

665 WHEREAS, he lost his life in combat protecting the freedoms that all United States citizens  
666 cherish in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam; and

667 WHEREAS, Private First Class Johnson was the first African American soldier from  
668 Douglasville, Georgia, to die in Vietnam and was the second fallen soldier from Douglas  
669 County; and

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

672 **PART XXXVII**

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

676 WHEREAS, Colonel Lynn "L.E." Witt, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and  
677 liberty with the United States Army Air Corps and served as a fighter squadron leader in the  
678 Allied campaign to take back Japanese held islands in the southwest pacific during World  
679 War II; and

680 WHEREAS, he logged 905 combat hours and flew 326 combat missions, more missions than  
681 any other American pilot during World War II, and received a Distinguished Service Cross  
682 for sinking a Japanese destroyer using only his plane's guns; and

683 WHEREAS, Colonel Witt was also recognized with the Silver Star, the Air Medal with eight  
684 oak leaf clusters, the American Campaign medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with  
685 one Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Philippine  
686 Liberation Ribbon, and the Philippine Independence Ribbon; and

687 WHEREAS, during his 30 year career with the military, Colonel Witt spent five at Robins  
688 Air Force Base as Head of Air Force Recruiting; and

689 WHEREAS, Colonel Witt embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
690 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
691 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored  
692 appropriately.

693 **PART XXXVIII**

694 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated public  
695 servants and leaders with the passing of Mr. Joe E. Brown in 1985; and

696 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's leadership began in Liberty County where he was an active  
697 member of the Boy Scouts of America program and was the county's first Boy Scout to  
698 obtain the prestigious Eagle Scout ranking; and

699 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
700 States Armed Forces and the United States National Guard, retiring from service with the  
701 rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

702 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown began his career as a public servant in 1946 with the Georgia  
703 Department of Transportation and dedicated 34 years to the department, retiring in 1979 as  
704 a Right of Way Engineer; and

705 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Mr. Brown was elected to the Georgia House of  
706 Representatives, where he served on the retirement, industry, and defense and veteran's  
707 affairs committees and earned a reputation as a skillful and concerned legislator; and

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

711 **PART XXXIX**

712 WHEREAS, the Watters District area and the Shannon community represent one of the  
713 original and most concentrated industrial areas of unincorporated Floyd County in Georgia;  
714 and

715 WHEREAS, around the time of the Civil War, Mr. Shannon migrated to northeast Floyd  
716 County and established a large commercial sawmill alongside the railroad north of Rome;  
717 and

718 WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Shannon's sawmill, the area became known as Shannon, and  
719 later, the area was home to the Brighton Cotton Mill, Floyd County's largest employer with  
720 more than 1,500 employees; and

721 WHEREAS, the Shannon community is now home to a Lowe's Distribution Center and two  
722 county owned industrial parks; and

723 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated in honor of this  
724 important and historical industrial area.

725 **PART XL**

726 WHEREAS, Mr. Jack Collin Lance, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
727 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
728 welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family,  
729 friends, and neighbors; and

730 WHEREAS, Mr. Lance was born on January 27, 1937, in Murphy, North Carolina, and was  
731 raised on his family's farm located on Murphy Highway which has been in the Lance family  
732 since 1860; and

733 WHEREAS, he was among the first young men to receive the Eagle Scout ranking in Union  
734 County; and

735 WHEREAS, upon graduating from Union County High School, Mr. Lance gained acceptance  
736 in Young Harris College, where he earned a position on the basketball team after receiving  
737 recognition for scoring more than 2,000 points at Union County High School; and

738 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
739 States Armed Forces and graduated from the University of Georgia School of Pharmacy; and

740 WHEREAS, upon his graduation from pharmacy school, Mr. Lance founded the Hill Lance  
741 Drugs store which he operated for more than 30 years until his retirement; and

742 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Lance founded the Union County Recreational  
743 Department and was a member of the boards for Union County Recreation, United  
744 Community Bank, Blue Ridge Mountain EMC, and Union County Historical Society; and

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

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

749 **PART XLI**

750 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
751 enforcement officers with the passing of Captain Larry S. Simmons on August 30, 2004; and

752 WHEREAS, Captain Simmons attended the 37th Trooper School, was assigned to service  
753 in North Georgia, and worked at the training division where he rose to the rank of captain in  
754 1994; and

755 WHEREAS, known affectionately as "Big Larry," Captain Simmons is remembered fondly  
756 by the numerous men and women he trained; and

757 WHEREAS, Captain Simmons exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,  
758 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

759 **PART XLII**

760 WHEREAS, Dr. M. Bobbie Bailey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
761 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
762 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

763 WHEREAS, a pioneer and icon of the Atlanta community, Dr. Bailey is a noted  
764 philanthropist, businesswoman, board member, and executive producer; and

765 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey began tuning race cars at the age of 12, an interest in mechanics that  
766 she further honed during World War II as she worked for a company that refabricated  
767 refrigeration compressors; and

768 WHEREAS, in 1960 she began her own company, Our-Way, Inc., which was recognized in  
769 1983 as one of the Top 100 Companies by *Business Atlanta* and where she served as chief  
770 executive officer for over 50 years; and

771 WHEREAS, an avid music lover, Dr. Bailey became a member of the National Academy of  
772 Recording Arts and Sciences in 1972, serves as president of the Friends of Georgia Music  
773 Festival and executive producer of the Georgia Music Hall of Fame Awards Show, was  
774 inducted into the Music Hall of Fame in 2007, and is a proud supporter of music education  
775 through scholarships at Kennesaw State University and Georgia State University; and

776 WHEREAS, Dr. Bailey has sponsored numerous national title winning fast pitch softball  
777 teams, endowed the Bobbie Bailey Athletic Complex at Kennesaw State University, and has  
778 been inducted into the Kennesaw State University Athletic Hall of Fame; and

779 WHEREAS, her philanthropy continues into the field of medicine, where she has supported  
780 several major projects at DeKalb Medical which have led to the naming of the facility's  
781 diagnostic imaging center for her and her sister, Audrey B. Morgan, and the Dr. Bobbie  
782 Bailey Tower which houses the surgery and women's center; and

783 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
784 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by the naming of an interchange in  
785 her honor.

786 **PART XLIII**

787 WHEREAS, Mr. Edward W. "Kip" Klein III has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
788 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
789 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

790 WHEREAS, after graduating cum laude from the University of Virginia, Mr. Klein earned  
791 a law degree from the University of Georgia where he joined the gridiron society and studied  
792 at the Hague International Academy of International Law; and

793 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Mr. Klein practiced family law in Marietta and received the  
794 Angels in Adoption award for the State of Georgia in 2000 for his dedicated work to helping  
795 families through the adoption process; and

796 WHEREAS, he ably and adeptly served his constituents and the State of Georgia as a  
797 Representative for three terms beginning with his election in 1990; and

798 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Klein was chosen to be the envoy to Kuwait for the  
799 Atlanta Olympic Committee and to interact on a good will mission on behalf of the state in  
800 the European Parliament by the European Community Visitors Programme; and

801 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
802 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized with the dedicating of  
803 a road in his honor.

804 **PART XLIV**

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

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

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

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

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

818 WHEREAS, he served as mayor of the City of Wadley for 17 years, until his passing on May  
819 26, 2001; and

820 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an active member of the Georgia Association of Educators,  
821 National Education Association, Georgia Municipal Association, National Conference of  
822 Black Mayors, Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Georgia Coalition for Hunger, and Voter  
823 Education Project; and

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

827 **PART XLV**

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

831 WHEREAS, P.F.C. Michael Lee Dotson demonstrated a deep personal commitment to  
832 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to  
833 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

834 WHEREAS, he served as guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States  
835 Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans during the  
836 Vietnam War; and

837 WHEREAS, P.F.C. Dotson was on night perimeter guard when his company began receiving  
838 enemy mortar arms fire, and he was quick to react by running to each position along the lines  
839 to ensure that every man was awake and ready for battle; and

840 WHEREAS, he tragically lost his life when a mortar round landed near his position, and in  
841 honor of his heroism, he was awarded a Gold Star and the Purple Heart; and

842 WHEREAS, P.F.C. Dotson embodied the spirit of service and was willing to find meaning  
843 in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
844 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored  
845 appropriately.

846 **PART XLVI**

847 WHEREAS, Marquis Deon Grissom was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Lakeshore  
848 High School where he excelled in baseball; and

849 WHEREAS, he went on to play for Florida A&M University, and in 1988 he was selected  
850 by the Montreal Expos where he worked as a position player; and

851 WHEREAS, Grissom was ultimately traded to the Atlanta Braves, and in his first season they  
852 won the World Series with Grissom securing the final out by catching a fly ball; and

853 WHEREAS, he played his final major league years with the San Francisco Giants, who  
854 dubbed him a "class act" and a "clubhouse" leader, and in 2003 he won the Willie Mac  
855 Award for his spirit and leadership; and

856 WHEREAS, Grissom retired in March, 2006, after a successful 17 year career and currently  
857 resides in College Park, Georgia; and

858 WHEREAS, he was hired to become the Washington Nationals first base coach for the 2009  
859 season in October, 2008; and

860 WHEREAS, Marquis Grissom leads by example both on and off the field; he sponsors six  
861 Little League teams and assists in funding a home school that provides food and shelter for  
862 children without parents; and

863 WHEREAS, this magnificent player has earned his well-deserved reputation for excellence  
864 by performing with precision and dedication over years of training and competition, and it  
865 is abundantly proper to recognize him for his many accomplishments by dedicating a bridge  
866 in his honor.

867 **PART XLVII**

868 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Vernon "Bobby" Sikes served as sheriff of Liberty County for a  
869 span of five decades and is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and  
870 by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
871 sound principles of law enforcement; and

872 WHEREAS, Mr. Sikes exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine  
873 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective  
874 commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers; and

875 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Lynn, for 63 wonderful  
876 years, and they have been blessed with three wonderful sons, Robert, Steven, and Edward;  
877 and



878 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
879 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Mr. Sikes and all local law  
880 enforcement officers by dedicating a road in his honor.

881 **PART XLVIII**

882 WHEREAS, Mr. Orace Lamar "Red" Brooks was a Wilkinson County native who was  
883 instrumental in the development of the City of Ivey and the Holiday Hills Lake Tchukolako  
884 subdivision; and

885 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was instrumental in the incorporation of the town of Ivey during  
886 the 1950s, which led to the area's cityhood in the 1980s; and

887 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
888 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
889 dramatically by his superlative service as a city councilmember for 26 years; and

890 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was a philanthropist with a generosity of spirit, donating land to the  
891 City of Ivey to be used for a city hall and turning over his water system to be used by the  
892 city; and

893 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Brooks and his wife, Gladys, were charter  
894 members of Ivey Baptist Church, donated the land for the church, and served as Sunday  
895 school teachers; and

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

898 **PART XLIX**

899 WHEREAS, Reverend G. L. Avery demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,  
900 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,  
901 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

902 WHEREAS, a native of Wilkes County, Reverend Avery was the beloved son of the late Roy  
903 and Eula King Avery and was married to the late Margaret Martin Avery; and

904 WHEREAS, a civil rights leader, Reverend Avery was one of the founders and organizers  
905 of the Wilkes County branch of the NAACP and served as branch president for more than  
906 50 years; and

907 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in working with city and school leaders through the  
908 integration of schools during the 1970s and served as coordinator of the First District of the  
909 Georgia State NAACP and as a member of the State NAACP executive board; and

910 WHEREAS, Reverend Avery diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of  
911 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
912 dramatically by his superlative service for 12 years on the Washington City Council; and

913 WHEREAS, he led the White Rock Baptist Church in Rayle and the Union Spring  
914 Missionary Baptist Church in Norwood and served as moderator of the Third Shiloh  
915 Missionary Baptist Association of Wilkes County with 14 churches and the Fourth Shiloh  
916 Missionary Baptist Association of Warren, McDuffie, Hancock, and Columbia counties with  
917 ten churches; and

918 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Avery was a source of  
919 strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

920 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message  
921 of peace and love be recognized by dedicating a road in his memory.

922 **PART L**

923 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Watson Cullars has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
924 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
925 welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family,  
926 friends, and neighbors; and

927 WHEREAS, Mr. Cullars was one of the largest land owners in Lincoln County and was a  
928 logger by trade; and

929 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern  
930 for his fellow citizens, supporting the local community by providing food and clothing to the  
931 less fortunate; and

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

935 WHEREAS, a dedicated community leader, Mr. Cullars served for many years on the  
936 Lincoln County Board of Education; and

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

939 **PART LI**

940 WHEREAS, Mr. Otis A. Brumby, Jr., long-time publisher of the *Marietta Daily Journal*,  
941 passed away at the age of 72; and

942 WHEREAS, the Marietta resident, one of Cobb's best-known native sons, had a family  
943 pedigree that stretched back generations in the county, and he made a name for himself as  
944 a prominent businessman and journalist who grew a small local paper into a thriving  
945 conglomerate during a time when Atlanta's suburbs were beginning to expand; and

946 WHEREAS, he was a force in local politics as well, using his newspaper to promote his  
947 vision of progress in Marietta, Cobb County, and this state; and working behind the scenes,  
948 Mr. Brumby influenced decades of important decisions in Cobb County that drove residential  
949 and commercial development and turned the county into a magnet for establishments of  
950 higher learning, such as Kennesaw State University; and

951 WHEREAS, Mr. Brumby got his start in the newspaper business at the *Marietta Daily*  
952 *Journal*, working for his father and namesake as an assistant to the publisher in 1965 and  
953 becoming publisher years later, and in 1969 he started the Neighbor Group of weekly  
954 community newspapers, growing the company into a collection of 24 newspapers, two  
955 magazines, six websites, and a weekly circulation of 375,000; and

956 WHEREAS, former Governor Roy Barnes, another Cobb County luminary who appointed  
957 Mr. Brumby to the State Board of Education, stated, "Otis was a giant in our community, he  
958 was a giant in our state, and we will miss him deeply. He was the epitome of public service";  
959 and

960 WHEREAS, in addition to his newspaper work and his service on the State Board of  
961 Education, Mr. Brumby also served on the State Transportation Board and the Marietta  
962 School Board; and in 1991 he became the fifth president of the Brumby Chair Company,  
963 which was co-founded in 1875 by his grandfather and has graced porches nationwide,  
964 including at the White House, with the world famous Brumby Rocker, thus reclaiming family  
965 control of the company; the next year he opened a showroom on the square in downtown  
966 Marietta; and

967 WHEREAS, Mr. Brumby is survived by his wife, Martha Lee; daughters, Spain, Lee, Betsy,  
968 and Anna; son, Otis III; and 11 grandchildren.

969 **PART LII**

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

973 WHEREAS, P.F.C. Roger Eugene Dorsey demonstrated a deep personal commitment to  
974 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to  
975 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

976 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
977 States Navy during the Vietnam War on the aircraft carrier *Intrepid* as an E-4 and worked  
978 on the aircraft departing and coming from Vietnam; and

979 WHEREAS, he later graduated with his business degree from the University of Tennessee  
980 and was owner and operator of the Lil Pig Convenience Store in Rossville for 22 years;

981 WHEREAS, a community leader, P.F.C. Dorsey was a proud member of the VFW Post  
982 #3679; and

983 WHEREAS, P.F.C. Dorsey was awarded the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the  
984 National Defense Service Medal; and

985 WHEREAS, P.F.C. Dorsey embodied the spirit of service and found meaning in something  
986 greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifice of this  
987 remarkable and distinguished American be honored appropriately.

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**PART LIII**

989 WHEREAS, Friendship Road in Hall County was recently widened, and the project included  
990 new realignment for the road.

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**PART LIV**

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

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

999 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 80 at  
1000 U.S. 441 Bypass in Laurens County is dedicated as the Tuskegee Airmen Major Herndon  
1001 Cummings, Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel Marion Rodgers Intersection.

1002 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 53 from Mars Hill  
1003 Road to Union Church Road in Oconee County is dedicated as the Deputy David W. Gilstrap  
1004 Memorial Highway.

1005 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. Route 82 over  
1006 Pachitla Creek in Randolph County is dedicated as the William Riley Curry Bridge.

1007 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on East Hancock Street and  
1008 Ga. 24 over the Oconee River in Baldwin County is dedicated as the Bobby Parham Bridge.

1009 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring  
1010 military veterans and dedicates the interchange of I-475 and Thomaston Road in Macon-Bibb  
1011 County as Veterans of All Wars Interchange.

1012 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 67 in  
1013 Bulloch County from its intersection with US Highway 301/State Route 73 to the Statesboro  
1014 East Bypass is dedicated as the McDougald Memorial Parkway.

1015 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 85 in Troup

1016 County from Exit 2 to Exit 18 is dedicated as the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway.

1017 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 237  
1018 at Cheshire Bridge in Fulton County is dedicated as the Judge Arthur M. Kaplan Memorial  
1019 Intersection.

1020 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 53 and  
1021 Perimeter Road in Dawsonville is dedicated as the Kenneth Webster Stewart III Memorial  
1022 Intersection.

1023 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 53 over the  
1024 Etowah River in Dawson County is dedicated as the Marcus Byrd Memorial Bridge.

1025 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 67 in Jenkins  
1026 County from the southernmost point of the Ogeechee River Bridges to its intersection with  
1027 Ga. 121 is dedicated as the Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton Memorial Highway.

1028 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 122 in Lanier  
1029 County that runs beside Banks Lake from the City of Lakeland to the Lowndes County line  
1030 is dedicated as the Governor Eurith Dickinson "Ed" Rivers Memorial Highway.

1031 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 107 from Ga.  
1032 90/Ga. 11 in Fitzgerald to U.S. Highway 319 is dedicated as the M.L.K., Jr., Memorial  
1033 Highway.

1034 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at the intersection of  
1035 Interstate 75 and Russell Parkway in Peach County is dedicated as the C.H. "Bud" Sledge  
1036 Memorial Bridge.

1037 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 12/U.S.  
1038 Route 278 in Newton County from .7 miles south of Interstate Route 20 at Exit 101 to the  
1039 Walton County line north of Interstate Route 20 is dedicated as the Stanton Springs Parkway.

1040 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 99 over  
1041 Interstate 95 in Glynn County is dedicated as the Johnny "Eric" Purvis Memorial Bridge.

1042 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Patsiliga Creek on  
1043 State Route 137 near Fickling Mill Dam in Taylor County is dedicated as the Olief  
1044 Wainwright Memorial Bridge.

1045 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 85 Alternate  
1046 over the railroad tracks in the City of Warm Springs in Meriwether County is dedicated as  
1047 the Eleanor D. Roosevelt Memorial Bridge.

1048 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 75 where it  
1049 merges with Interstate 85 at Exit 242 and the portion of Interstate 75 from Exit 250 north to  
1050 Exit 251 north in Fulton County is dedicated as the Honorable Rodney Mims Cook Memorial  
1051 Highway.

1052 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 76 in Cook  
1053 County from 4th Street in Adel to the Brooks County line is dedicated as the United States  
1054 Army Staff Sergeant Briand T. Williams Memorial Highway.

1055 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 135  
1056 in Berrien County from its intersection with Georgia Highway 76 to Georgia Highway 168  
1057 is dedicated as the Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Rowan Memorial Highway.

1058 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Route 341 from  
1059 its intersection with Ga. 74 in Monroe County through Crawford and Peach Counties until  
1060 it connects with U.S. Route 41 and the portion of U.S. Route 41 from the northernmost point  
1061 of Houston County to the Florida state line is dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail: 341/41.

1062 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 88 in the  
1063 city limits of Keysville in Burke County is dedicated as the Mayor Emma Gresham Highway.

1064 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 475 at  
1065 Bolingbroke in Monroe County is dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Interchange.

1066 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signs dedicating the Veterans Memorial Interchange  
1067 shall include "Home of the 148th BSB, Deployed to Iraq in 2005 and 2006."

1068 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at Interstate 20 and  
1069 Lewiston Road in Columbia County is dedicated as the Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray  
1070 Memorial Bridge.

1071 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 over  
1072 the Georgia Northeastern Railroad at milepost 2.4 in Fannin County is dedicated as the  
1073 Robert K. Ballew Memorial Bridge.

1074 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 in  
1075 southern Fulton County from U.S. Route 29 (Roosevelt Highway) to the Douglas County line  
1076 is dedicated as the George Duke Beasley Memorial Highway.

1077 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Big Creek on U.S. 82  
1078 .7 miles from Schlatterville and 3.1 miles from Hoboken West in Brantley County is renamed  
1079 as the Charles E. Hickox Memorial Bridge.

1080 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the southbound bridge on State Route  
1081 3 over Whitewater Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the William Eugene Bone  
1082 Memorial Bridge.

1083 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the northbound bridge on State Route  
1084 3 over Whitewater Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the J. Ran Cooper Memorial  
1085 Bridge.

1086 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the southbound bridge on State Route  
1087 3 over Cedar Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the Reginald S. Carter, Sr., Memorial  
1088 Bridge.

1089 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 over  
1090 Rock Creek in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr., Memorial  
1091 Bridge.

1092 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 5 over the  
1093 Toccoa River in Fannin County is dedicated as the William T. "Boss" Mull Memorial Bridge.



1094 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 166 over  
1095 Anneewakee Creek in Douglas County is dedicated as the Private First Class Melvin Johnson  
1096 Memorial Bridge.

1097 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 166 in  
1098 Carroll County from State Route 100 to its intersection with Garrett Circle is dedicated as  
1099 the Col. L.E. Witt, Jr., Memorial Highway.

1100 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 95 in Liberty  
1101 County from exit 76 north to the Bryan County line is dedicated as the Joe E. Brown  
1102 Memorial Highway.

1103 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the corridor of State Route 53 from  
1104 the Gordon County line to the city limits of Rome is dedicated as the Shannon Industrial  
1105 Parkway.

1106 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Route 19 in Union  
1107 County from its intersection with State Route 515 to the North Carolina line is renamed as  
1108 the Jack Collin Lance, Sr., Memorial Highway.

1109 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Ga. 341 and Ga.  
1110 193 in Walker County is dedicated as the Captain Larry S. Simmons Memorial Intersection.

1111 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route  
1112 236/Hugh Howell Road and Mountain Industrial Boulevard in DeKalb County is dedicated  
1113 as the Dr. M. Bobbie Bailey Intersection.

1114 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 in Cobb  
1115 County from its intersection with Interstate 75 to the Paulding County line is dedicated as the  
1116 Kip Klein Memorial Highway.

1117 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that U.S. Route 1 Bypass in the City of  
1118 Wadley in Jefferson County is dedicated as the Billy Alonzo Johnson Highway.

1119 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Ga. 2 and Pine  
1120 Grove Road in Catoosa County is dedicated as the P.F.C. Michael Lee Dotson Memorial  
1121 Intersection.

1122 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that a resolution dedicating certain  
1123 portions of the state highway system as approved on May 7, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 951) is  
1124 amended by repealing the 13th undesignated paragraph of Part XXVIII relating to the  
1125 dedication of the Lanier Islands Parkway.

1126 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 14 at the  
1127 State Route 14 Connector in the Red Oak Community of Fulton County is dedicated as the  
1128 Marquis Deon Grissom Bridge.

1129 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 95 in Liberty  
1130 County from exit 76 to the McIntosh County line is dedicated as the R.V. "Bobby" Sikes  
1131 Highway.

1132 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 243 over  
1133 Beaver Creek in Wilkinson County is dedicated as the O.L. "Red" Brooks Memorial Bridge.

1134 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 44 from the  
1135 southern city limits along Whitehall and Mercer Streets to the intersection with US 78 (North  
1136 Pass) is dedicated as the Reverend G. L. Avery Memorial Highway.

1137 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 79 in  
1138 Lincoln County from the bridge over Soap Creek to the Goshen community is dedicated as  
1139 the Thomas Watson Cullars Memorial Highway.

1140 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Canton Connector at  
1141 exit 267 over Interstate 75 in Cobb County is dedicated as the Otis A. Brumby, Jr., Memorial  
1142 Bridge.

1143 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 341  
1144 and Mission Ridge Road in Walker County is dedicated as the P.F.C. Roger Eugene Dorsey  
1145 Memorial Intersection.

1146 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 347 from  
1147 Interstate 985 east to State Route 211 is dedicated as Friendship Road.

1148 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 347 from  
1149 its westernmost point on the shores of Lake Lanier east to Interstate 985 is dedicated as

1150 Lanier Islands Parkway.

1151 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 211 from  
1152 Interstate 85 north to State Route 53 is dedicated as Chateau Elan Parkway.

1153 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
1154 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this  
1155 resolution.

1156 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the Department of Transportation is  
1157 authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs on Interstate 85 and 985  
1158 directing traffic to both Lake Lanier Islands Parkway, Chateau Elan Parkway, and Friendship  
1159 Road.

1160 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of is authorized and directed to  
1161 transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the  
1162 families of Major Henry Talmage Elrod; Tuskegee Airmen Major Herndon Cummings,  
1163 Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel Marion Rodgers; Deputy David W. Gilstrap; Mr.  
1164 William Riley Curry; Mr. Ray C. Anderson; Judge Arthur M. Kaplan; Kenneth Webster  
1165 Stewart, III; Mr. Marcus Byrd; Mr. Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton; Governor Eurith Dickinson  
1166 "Ed" Rivers; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mr. Carlton Harmon "Bud" Sledge; Mr. Johnny  
1167 "Eric" Purvis; Mr. Olief Wainwright; Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt; Mr. Rodney Mims Cook;  
1168 United States Army Staff Sergeant Briand T. Williams; Lieutenant Colonel Charles W.  
1169 Rowan; Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray; Mr. Robert K. Ballew; Mr. George Duke  
1170 Beasley; Charles E. Hickox; Mr. William Eugene Bone; Mr. J. Ran Cooper; Mr. Reginald  
1171 S. Carter, Sr.; Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr.; Mr. William T. "Boss" Mull; Private First Class  
1172 Melvin Johnson; Colonel Lynn "L.E." Witt, Jr.; Mr. Joe E. Brown; Mr. Jack Collin Lance,  
1173 Sr.; Captain Larry S. Simmons; Mr. Edward W. "Kip" Klein III; Mr. Billy Alonzo Johnson;  
1174 Private First Class Michael Lee Dotson; Mr. Orace Lamar "Red" Brooks; Reverend G. L.  
1175 Avery; Mr. Thomas Watson Cullars; Mr. Otis A. Brumby, Jr.; and P.F.C. Roger Eugene  
1176 Dorsey; and to Mr. Bobby Eugene Parham; the McDougald family; Mayor Emma Gresham;  
1177 the Shannon Industrial Parkway Committee; Dr. M. Bobbie Bailey; Mr. Marquis Deon  
1178 Grissom; and Mr. Robert Vernon "Bobby" Sikes.