

House Resolution 306

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th, Holmes of the 129th, and Shaw of the 176th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James Henning Perry and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Henning Perry, also known as Uncle Jim Perry of Nashville, was
4 born in May, 1922, in Nashville, Georgia, the beloved son of Edmond and Carrie Dorsey
5 Perry and the brother of Mary Erneste Perry Houston and W.D. "Bill" Perry; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry graduated from Berrien County High School, where he was a popular
7 football star, and attended the University of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
9 States Armed Forces and landed on Utah Beach in Normandy, France, on D-Day; and

10 WHEREAS, throughout World War II, Mr. Perry fought at the Battle of St. Lo, France, the
11 Liberation of Paris, the Battle of Huertgen Forest, and the Battle of Baston/Battle of the
12 Bulge; and

13 WHEREAS, his valor and bravery were recognized with medals and awards which include
14 the Silver Star, Army Accommodation Medal for Valor, Purple Heart, Expert Infantryman's
15 badge, three campaign ribbons for the war in Europe, and National Defense Medal; and

16 WHEREAS, he was awarded the French Croix de Guerre, a medal equivalent to the
17 Distinguished Service Cross given by the United States Armed Forces, for valor under fire
18 on behalf of the liberation of Paris and the French people; and

19 WHEREAS, upon his return to the United States after the war, Mr. Perry became a
20 community leader, speaking often around the country; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was the president and owner of the Nashville Grocery Company, a
22 director and agent of Life of the South Insurance Company, and a bank director of the
23 Citizens Bank; and

24 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Perry was a devoted member of Nashville
25 United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir and was on the church board; and

26 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Mary Payne Brown,
27 and was blessed with two remarkable children, Jimmy and Katherine; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
29 service of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 76 at milepost 3.19 in Berrien
32 County is dedicated as the 1LTJames H. Perry "Uncle Jim" Memorial Bridge.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the 1LTJames H. Perry "Uncle
35 Jim" Memorial Bridge.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Mr. James Henning Perry and to the Department of Transportation.