

## House Resolution 398

By: Representatives Gravley of the 67<sup>th</sup>, Bruce of the 61<sup>st</sup>, Hightower of the 68<sup>th</sup>, Alexander of the 66<sup>th</sup>, and Jones of the 62<sup>nd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Captain Herb Emory and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Captain Herb Emory was born on April 2, 1953, in Transylvania County, North  
4 Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, Captain Herb moved to Atlanta in 1971 to attend the Atlanta School of  
6 Broadcasting and National School of Broadcasting and began serving as a traffic reporter in  
7 Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Captain Herb worked with numerous local radio stations,  
9 including WSNE of Cumming, WDGL of Douglasville, WFOM of Marietta, WACX of  
10 Austell, WQXI-AM, 94 Q-Star 94, and Georgia Network News; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1991 Captain Herb moved to WSB Radio and *Channel 2 Action News*, where  
12 he initiated and helped build the traffic team system and infrastructure, including the  
13 concepts of "Red Alerts" and "Triple Team Traffic" which countless Atlanta commuters grew  
14 to rely upon for accuracy and up-to-the-minute traffic advisories; and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Herb's commitment to helping Atlanta's drivers navigate traffic with  
16 ease is evident by his numerous awards and accolades, including at least 15 First Place  
17 Awards, including two Green Eyeshades, for news and traffic reports from the Georgia  
18 Associated Press Association, and his induction into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame in  
19 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, his generosity of spirit and compassion for others was also widely recognized  
21 as he hosted the annual Toys for Tots fundraiser at Fred's Barbeque House in Lithia Springs,  
22 volunteered with the Douglas County Boys and Girls Club, was a dedicated member of the

23 Douglas County Animal Control Advisory Board, served on the Friends of Sweetwater Creek  
24 State Park Board of Directors, and raised awareness against drinking and driving; and

25 WHEREAS, Captain Herb passed away on April 12, 2014, doing what he did best—helping  
26 others, and his presence and work has been sorely missed by the Atlanta community; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
28 gratitude for the life's work of this Atlanta icon by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
30 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Lee Road over Interstate 20 in Douglas  
31 County is dedicated as the Captain Herb Emory Memorial Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Captain Herb Emory  
34 Memorial Bridge.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
37 family of Captain Herb Emory and to the Department of Transportation.