

House Resolution 420

By: Representative McCall of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Wayne J. Hawes and dedicating a bridge in his honor;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne J. Hawes was born on February 22, 1914, the beloved son of the
4 late Jack and Josephine Dallas Hawes; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Air Corps, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow citizens in World War II;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Washington High School, Mr. Hawes earned a bachelor's degree
9 from Savannah State University and devoted his career to inspiring young people as an
10 educator; and

11 WHEREAS, he taught at several elementary schools in Lincoln County and served as a
12 social studies teacher, department chairperson, assistant principal, and accounts manager at
13 West Side High School; and

14 WHEREAS, a civil rights advocate, Mr. Hawes was a life member of the NAACP, serving
15 as president of his local chapter for many years, and was the first African American member
16 of Lincoln County Board of Education; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hawes was a charter member of Twilight Improvement, Inc.; co-founder,
18 chief executive officer, and president of Twilight Sewing Plant, Inc; and a member of the
19 Northeast Georgia Leadership Council and American Legion Post 597; and

20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hawes was a member of Ebenezer Baptist
21 Church, where he served as a deacon for 52 years, a Sunday school teacher for more than 60
22 years, and assistant church clerk; and

23 WHEREAS, he served as assistant secretary of the Columbia Sunday School Convention and
24 president of the Lincoln County Sunday School Union; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
26 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his
27 memory.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 79 over Soap Creek in Lincoln
30 County is dedicated as the Wayne J. Hawes Memorial Bridge.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
32 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Wayne J. Hawes Memorial
33 Bridge.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
36 family of Mr. Wayne J. Hawes and to the Department of Transportation.