

Senate Resolution 296

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Shafer of the 48th, Davenport of the 44th, Hill of the 4th, Butler of the 55th and others

ADOPTED SENATE**A RESOLUTION**

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Senator Lawrence (Bud) Stumbaugh has long been recognized by the citizens
4 of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Lipscomb University, Senator Stumbaugh's professional career
7 includes roles as a professional manager, entrepreneur, motivational speaker, and public
8 servant; and

9 WHEREAS, Senator Stumbaugh diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and
10 energy to the citizens of Georgia as a member of the Georgia State Senate for 16 years; and

11 WHEREAS, during the eight terms Senator Stumbaugh served in the Senate, his leadership
12 and bi-partisan spirit were evident as chairman of the Senate Insurance Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, he has spoken before sales management groups, civic clubs, political forums,
14 and school, religious, and business functions in 26 states; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Stumbaugh grew one of his companies, Team Services, Inc., to 1,500
16 employees in 39 states and helped make it the 29th fastest growing corporation in America
17 before selling it on the London Stock Exchange; and

18 WHEREAS, he has served on the Board of Founders for Lipscomb University and the Board
19 of Trustees for Faulkner University; and

20 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the Georgia Senate, Senator Stumbaugh served as vice
21 chairperson for the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Overview Committee; and

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

24 **PART II**

25 WHEREAS, Captain Herbert "Herb" Lee Emory was born on April 2, 1953, in Transylvania
26 County, North Carolina; and

27 WHEREAS, Captain Herb moved to Atlanta in 1971 to attend the Atlanta School of
28 Broadcasting and National School of Broadcasting and began serving as a traffic reporter in
29 Atlanta; and

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

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

37 WHEREAS, Captain Herb's commitment to helping Atlanta's drivers navigate traffic with
38 ease is evident by his numerous awards and accolades, including at least 15 First Place
39 Awards, including two Green Eyeshades, for news and traffic reports from the Georgia
40 Associated Press Association, and his induction into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame in
41 2008; and

42 WHEREAS, his generosity of spirit and compassion for others was also widely recognized
43 as he hosted the annual Toys for Tots fundraiser at Fred's Barbeque House in Lithia Springs,
44 volunteered with the Douglas County Boys and Girls Club, was a dedicated member of the
45 Douglas County Animal Control Advisory Board, served on the Friends of Sweetwater Creek
46 State Park Board of Directors, and raised awareness against drinking and driving; and

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

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

PART III

WHEREAS, Mrs. Runell "Nell" Brooks Foster was born on March 27, 1906, a beloved daughter of George B. and Emma Palmer Brooks; and

WHEREAS, the youngest of 12 children, Mrs. Foster's father was a prominent farmer and land owner and she grew up on the family farm which consisted of more than 150 acres that spanned across what is now the intersection of U.S. Highway 78 and Rosebud Road; and

WHEREAS, she attended Midway School, where she later went on to return as a teacher, and is the oldest living graduate of Grayson High School; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Foster was united in love and marriage to her high school sweetheart, Clyde Foster, on February 12, 1928, and after the couple lived for a short time in Atlanta, they returned to the corner of Rosebud Road and U.S. Highway 78 to live in the rock house at the intersection; and

WHEREAS, now a centenarian, Mrs. Foster has lived on Rosebud Road and U.S. Highway 78 for 83 years and raised three daughters, Mary, Pat, and Sara, there; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster owned and operated Foster's Service Station across from the family home for 45 years; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the Foster's rock home has served as a landmark in the area, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the intersection be dedicated in honor of Mrs. Foster and her family.

PART IV

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on the MARTA Indian Creek Station exit ramp to Interstate 285 southbound in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Senator Lawrence (Bud) Stumbaugh Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the new flyover ramp on Interstate 85 at Georgia 400 is dedicated as the Captain Herb Emory Flyover Ramp.

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 78 and
78 Rosebud Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as Brooks-Foster Crossing.

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

82 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
83 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
84 Transportation, Senator Lawrence (Bud) Stumbaugh, Mrs. Runell "Nell" Brooks Foster, and
85 the family of Captain Herbert "Herb" Lee Emory.