

Senate Resolution 126

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Bill T. Hardman was named Georgia's first tourism director of the Georgia  
4 Department of Industry and Trade in 1959 and was charged with the responsibility of  
5 building this state's hospitality industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hardman established and served as president of the Southern Travel  
7 Directors' Council, conducted the first Governor's Conference on Tourism in this country,  
8 and promoted Georgia at travel conferences around the United States, Canada, and Europe;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he helped organize and served as chairman of the National Association of  
11 Travel Organizations and served on the organization's board of directors for 49 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Hardman developed the concept of building Welcome Centers at major  
13 highway entrances for the State of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1991 he created the Southeast Tourism Society's Marketing College at the  
15 University of North Georgia; each year 300 students from 12 southern states travel to  
16 Dahlonega to participate in this tourism oriented school, which has 879 graduates to date;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, he was active in the effort to preserve and restore Lumpkin County's original  
19 courthouse, which now serves as Dahlonega's Gold Museum, and was part of the group of  
20 local civic boosters who led a wagon train loaded with gold mined in Dahlonega to the State  
21 Capitol to promote Dahlonega as a major tourism destination; and

22 WHEREAS, in his beloved hometown of Dahlonega, Mr. Hardman organized the Christmas  
23 Decorating Contest for Dahlonega merchants and raised funds to restore and display the  
24 Dahlonega Diving Bell, a relic from 1875 found in the Chestatee River; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Hardman was awarded the Tourism Lifetime Achievement Award by the  
26 State of Georgia and was inducted into the Atlanta Hospitality Hall of Fame.

27 **PART II**

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

31 WHEREAS, E-4 Roger Dorsey demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting  
32 democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the  
33 well-being of his fellow man; and

34 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
35 States Navy, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow citizens during the Vietnam  
36 War on the Air Craft Carrier *Intrepid* as an E-4 and working on the aircraft departing and  
37 coming from Vietnam; and

38 WHEREAS, E-4 Dorsey earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at  
39 Chattanooga and served as the owner and operator of the Lil Pig Convenience Store in  
40 Rossville for 22 years; and

41 WHEREAS, a proud member of the VFW Post #3679, E-4 Dorsey was awarded the Republic  
42 of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the National Defense Service Medal; and

43 WHEREAS, E-4 Dorsey embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something  
44 greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and  
45 distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his  
46 memory.

47 **PART III**

48 WHEREAS, White County in Northeast Georgia is geographically considered part of the  
49 Appalachian mountain range; and

50 WHEREAS, the cities of Cleveland and Helen in White County have promoted Cleveland  
51 as the gateway to the Appalachian mountain range for more than 20 years; and

52 WHEREAS, the Appalachian Trail runs through White County and provides access to  
53 Cleveland and Helen; and

54 WHEREAS, White County was designated as an official "Appalachian Trail Community"  
55 in 2012 by the Appalachian Trail Conservancy; and

56 WHEREAS, White County is well known for its Appalachian folk potter face jugs and is  
57 home to famous folk potter families including the Meaders, Hewell, Dorsey, and Ferguson  
58 families; and

59 WHEREAS, the county is home to the Sautee Nacoochee Center, which includes an  
60 American Heritage site featuring 19th century Appalachian artifacts which is used as an  
61 American Appalachia teaching exhibit; and

62 WHEREAS, Cleveland and Helen in White County are well known in the field of  
63 Appalachian heritage arts, promoting and developing educational programs to keep the  
64 Appalachia visual and performing arts alive; and

65 WHEREAS, Cleveland is home to Xavier Roberts, founder of Original Appalachian  
66 Artworks, where his Appalachian, handcrafted Little People heirloom dolls, now known as  
67 Cabbage Patch Kids, were created; and

68 WHEREAS, White County has been designated as part of Appalachia by the federal  
69 government and is eligible for grants from the Appalachian Regional Commission.

70 **PART IV**

71 WHEREAS, Mr. Frank L. Danchetz has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
72 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
73 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

74 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
75 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
76 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

77 WHEREAS, Mr. Danchetz earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia  
78 Institute of Technology and dedicated his career to the Georgia Department of Transportation  
79 for 34 years of superlative service in offices such as Environment and Location and Urban  
80 Design, with ten years as Chief Engineer; and

81 WHEREAS, he was a professional mentor to many of the senior managers that currently lead  
82 the department, and was instrumental in creating excellent relationships for the department  
83 as a liaison to federal, state, and local legislators for project information; and

84 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the  
85 Thomas H. MacDonald Memorial Award for continuous outstanding service over an  
86 extended period to the art and science of highway engineering; and

87 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to AASHTO, where he served  
88 as vice chairperson for the Standing Committee on Highways, as a member of the standing  
89 committee on Research and the Asset Management Task Force, and held leadership positions  
90 on the special committee on Environment, Archeology, and Historic Preservation; the  
91 standing committee on Environment; and the National Transportation Product Evaluation  
92 Program; and

93 WHEREAS, Mr. Danchetz was a pillar of support and institution of service for the Georgia  
94 Department of Transportation, contributing some of the best years of his life to the  
95 betterment of transportation; and

96 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
97 gratitude for this dedicated public servant by dedicating a road in his honor.

98 **PART V**

99 WHEREAS, Mr. Paul V. Liles, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
100 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
101 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

102 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
103 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
104 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

105 WHEREAS, Mr. Liles earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia  
106 Institute of Technology and dedicated his career to the Georgia Department of Transportation  
107 with nearly four decades of superlative service, 22 years of which were as the State Bridge  
108 Engineer; and

109 WHEREAS, he is an institution in the bridge and structural engineering world and has served  
110 on a variety of committees for both state and national organizations over the years, including  
111 AASHTO's Seismic, Construction, Concrete, Welding, Polymer Composites, and Security  
112 committees and the Transportation Research Board's General Structures, Concrete Bridges,  
113 Steel Bridges, Structural Fiber Reinforced Plastics, and Bridge Management committees; and

114 WHEREAS, a registered professional engineer, Mr. Liles holds the title of longest serving  
115 employee at the department with 45 years of dedicated and professional activities on his  
116 record; and

117 WHEREAS, his influence, role, and impact on engineering and bridge design in the State of  
118 Georgia is truly meaningful and will be valued for generations to come; and

119 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their  
120 gratitude for this dedicated public servant by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

121 **PART VI**

122 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
123 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that State Route 400 in Dawson and Lumpkin counties is  
124 dedicated as the Bill T. Hardman Hospitality Highway.

125 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 341  
126 and Mission Ridge Road in Walker County is dedicated as the E-4 Roger Dorsey, United  
127 States Navy, Memorial Intersection.

128 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of new Cleveland Bypass  
129 from SR11/US129 at Donald E. Thurmond Drive extending northwest to SR11/US129 at  
130 Hulsey Road is dedicated as the Appalachian Parkway.

131 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 306 from  
132 GA 400 to State Route 53 in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Frank L. Danchetz Highway.

133 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 8/North  
134 Avenue over the Interstate 75/Interstate 85 Connector in Fulton County is dedicated as the  
135 Paul V. Liles, Jr., Bridge.

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

139 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
140 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of  
141 Transportation, Mr. Frank L. Danchetz, Mr. Paul V. Liles, Jr., and the families of Mr. Bill  
142 T. Hardman and E-4 Roger Dorsey.