

House Resolution 977

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Louie Morris and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Louie Morris was known for his leadership and love of Hart County,
4 Georgia, during the early 1900's; and

5 WHEREAS, an avid journalist, Mr. Morris was owner and editor of the *Hartwell Sun* and
6 served as president of the Georgia Press Association and co-chairman of the Georgia Press
7 Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, his guidance and civic leadership were instrumental to Hart County during his
9 time as a member of the Hartwell City Council; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Morris served on the staff of Georgia Governors Richard Russell, Jr., and
11 Ellis Arnall; and

12 WHEREAS, he began a radio station in Hartwell, *WKLY*, and was president of the Hartwell
13 Railway Company; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Morris contributed unceasing efforts toward the construction of what is
15 now known as the Hartwell Dam, a project that was unrealized at the time of his death on
16 May 10, 1955; and

17 WHEREAS, on October 11, 1940, the Highway Departments of South Carolina and Georgia,
18 in cooperation with the United States Bureau of Public Roads, erected a monument
19 dedicating the bridge over the Savannah River in honor of his unyielding commitment; and

20 WHEREAS, the stone monument dedicating the Louie Morris Bridge was relocated in 1958
21 after the river flooded the bridge and caused damage that necessitated the building of a new
22 bridge; and

23 WHEREAS, an official Georgia dedication sign does not exist at what is known as the Louie
24 Morris Bridge, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body recognizes this
25 remarkable and distinguished Georgian by erecting an official Georgia bridge dedication
26 marker.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on U.S. 29 over the Savannah River in Hart
29 County is dedicated as the Louie Morris Memorial Bridge.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Louie Morris Memorial
32 Bridge.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
35 family of Louie Morris and to the Department of Transportation.