

Senate Resolution 726

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Hufstetler of the 52nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Major General William "Bill" K. Gayler and Brigadier General John "Pete" P.
2 Johnson and dedicating a road in their honor; and for other purposes.

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

6 WHEREAS, both Major General William "Bill" K. Gayler and Brigadier General John
7 "Pete" P. Johnson have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy
8 and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being
9 of their fellow man; and

10 WHEREAS, the son of Max and Pat Gayler of Chattoogaville, Georgia, Major General
11 Gayler graduated from North Georgia College, entered the United States Armed Forces in
12 the aviation branch, and currently serves as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army
13 Europe, and Commander, U.S. Army NATO, in Wiesbaden, Germany; and

14 WHEREAS, the son of Paulie and Aurora Johnson of Chattoogaville, Georgia, Brigadier
15 General Johnson graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, entered
16 the United States Armed Forces in the infantry branch, and currently serves as Director,
17 Training Directorate, G3/5/7 Operations and Plans, United States Department of the Army
18 at the Pentagon; and

19 WHEREAS, both men served tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat areas; have
20 commanded companies, battalions, and brigades; and have served in the position of Chief
21 of Staff, 101st Air Assault Division; and

22 WHEREAS, both Major General Gayler and Brigadier General Johnson were promoted to
23 the rank of Brigadier General at the same time, had fathers who were neighbors and close
24 friends growing up in Chattoogaville, and come from military families; and

25 WHEREAS, the Gayler and Johnson families have a combined 155 years and counting of
26 military service to this nation; and

27 WHEREAS, Major General Gayler and Brigadier General Johnson embody the spirit of
28 service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly
29 fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized
30 appropriately by dedicating a road in their honor.

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
32 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that Highway 114 from Lyerly, Georgia, to the Alabama state
33 line is dedicated as the Generals Gayler & Johnson Highway.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
35 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Generals Gayler & Johnson
36 Highway.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Major General
39 William "Bill" K. Gayler and Brigadier General John "Pete" P. Johnson and to the
40 Department of Transportation.