

Senate Resolution 849

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Rhett of the 33rd, Tate of the 38th and Henson of the 41st

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Mr. Walter Frazier, Jr., and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other
- 2 purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter Frazier, Jr., was also known by teammates, coaches, opponents, and
- 4 fans by the nickname "Clyde" which was derived from the famed robber Clyde Barrow of
- 5 Bonnie and Clyde due to his precision in stealing the basketball from opponents; and

- 6 WHEREAS, the eldest of nine children, Mr. Frazier graduated from Howard High School
- 7 in Atlanta, where he excelled as a quarterback of the football team and a catcher on the
- 8 baseball team; and

- 9 WHEREAS, he accepted a basketball scholarship to Southern Illinois University and earned
- 10 All American honors as a senior; and

- 11 WHEREAS, he was a first round draft pick for the New York Knicks in the 1987 NBA draft,
- 12 and during his rookie year, Mr. Frazier and his teammate, Phil Jackson, were named to the
- 13 NBA All-Rookie Team; and

- 14 WHEREAS, known for his amazing peripheral vision and quick hands, Mr. Frazier's skill
- 15 and leadership helped the New York Knicks earn NBA Championship titles in 1970 and
- 16 1973; and

- 17 WHEREAS, considered one of the best players in the history of the NBA, Mr. Frazier was
- 18 named to the All-NBA First Team four times, the All-NBA Second Team two times, and the
- 19 All Defensive First Team seven times; and

- 20 WHEREAS, this seven-time NBA All-Star was named All-Star Most Valuable Player in
- 21 1975 and elected into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that US 278/Ponce de Leon Avenue from the intersection with
26 Piedmont Avenue to the intersection with State Route 10/Freedom Parkway in Fulton County
27 is dedicated as the Walt Frazier Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Walt Frazier Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Walter Frazier,
32 Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.