

House Resolution 1249

By: Representatives Houston of the 170th, Shaw of the 176th, Carter of the 175th, and Sharper of the 177th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of Mr. William Penn Walker, Sr., and Mrs. Ruby Herndon Walker and
2 dedicating an intersection in their memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. William Penn "Mr. Bill" Walker, Sr., was widely recognized for the vital
4 role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker took up residence near the intersection of State Route 125 and State
7 Route 122 at the meeting point of Lowndes, Berrien, and Lanier counties in 1954; and

8 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
10 dramatically by his superlative service with the Atlanta Police Department for nearly 20
11 years; and

12 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruby Herndon Walker was by Mr. Walker's side, working and supporting
13 him in all his endeavors; and

14 WHEREAS, unofficially known by local peace officers as "Walker's Crossing," the
15 intersection at their home and well-known lounge was a long-time meeting place for police
16 officers to exchange prisoners to transport them across county lines; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was known by the county sheriff departments of Lowndes, Berrien,
18 and Lanier counties as a person who would assist them with any of their needs; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished couple
20 be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 125/Bemiss Road/Valdosta
23 Ray City Highway and State Route 122 at the meeting point of Lowndes, Berrien, and Lanier
24 counties is dedicated as Walker's Crossing in memory of Mr. William "Mr. Bill" and Ruby
25 Herndon Walker.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Walker's Crossing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Mr. and Mrs. William Penn Walker, Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.