

Senate Resolution 921

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Charles Leroy "Buck" Simmons and dedicating a road in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Leroy "Buck" Simmons was born on July 31, 1946, in Baldwin,
4 Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, one of the greatest short track racers in history, Mr. Simmons was the winner
6 of over 1,000 feature events in a racing career that spanned over five decades; and

7 WHEREAS, he has been inducted into the Georgia Racing Hall of Fame and the National
8 Dirt Racing Hall of Fame; and

9 WHEREAS, the start of his victorious career began down the road from his home behind the
10 wheel of a water truck at the Banks County Speedway, which was owned by fellow Georgia
11 Racing Hall of Fame member, Tommy Irvin; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons learned to win early in life, taking the win in his third career start
13 at Westminster, South Carolina, and over his career beating some of the best stock car drivers
14 that he faced, including the legendary Dale Earnhardt, Sr., on a dirt track at
15 Hartsville-Darlington, South Carolina; and

16 WHEREAS, he completed the NASCAR Sprint Cup circuit in several events in 1979 and
17 1980, including events in Atlanta, Ontario, Rockingham, Bristol, Darlington, Martinsville,
18 and Talladega; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons won on dirt and asphalt tracks all across the Southeast and was
20 the 1981 National Dirt Racing Association champion; and

21 WHEREAS, he earned wins in events for the United Dirt Track Racing Association and the
22 Southern All Stars, and when he climbed out of his car for the last time in 2003 he had
23 amassed 1,012 victories; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
25 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Highway 441 South from mile marker
28 18 to mile marker 19 in Baldwin, Georgia, is dedicated as the Buck Simmons Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Buck Simmons Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
33 Charles Leroy "Buck" Simmons and to the Department of Transportation.