

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to HR 1052:

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas William Poole was born on December 24, 1991, in Ellaville,
4 Georgia, the beloved son of Donnie and Deborah Poole; and

5 WHEREAS, a lifetime resident of Schley County, Mr. Poole grew up in his family's home
6 on Poole Road which stands as the oldest occupied home in the county; and

7 WHEREAS, he worked as a heating and air technician and was a faithful member of Ellaville
8 Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Poole's life was tragically cut short on June 2, 2013, when he was involved
10 in a fatal vehicle crash; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Poole was known to be a kind and generous man by all who had the fortune
12 of encountering him; and

13 WHEREAS, throughout his life, he continuously demonstrated a deep concern and
14 compassion for others, going above and beyond to ensure the happiness, safety, and care for
15 both friends and strangers; and

16 WHEREAS, an avid outdoorsman, Mr. Poole was passionate about hunting and fishing and
17 spent countless hours during his youth at Buck Creek near his family home; and

18 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
20 family and friends were admired by others; and

21 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
22 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
23 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

26 **PART II**

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

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard John Chambers, Sr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom
31 and liberty with the United States Air Force; and

32 WHEREAS, Mr. Chambers was a career educator in Banks and Jackson counties, where his
33 work uplifted the lives of countless students; and

34 WHEREAS, he was an avid supporter of community sustainment and county beautification
35 and devoted countless hours of his time, talent, and energy to organizations such as the
36 Banks County Historical Society, Commerce Lions Club, and Habitat for Humanity; and

37 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Chambers played a large role in maintaining the
38 historical integrity of Banks County through the compilation and publishing of the *History*
39 *of Banks County*; and

40 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
41 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his
42 memory.

43 **PART III**

44 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
45 with the passing of Dr. Delores Felder on September 18, 2014; and

46 WHEREAS, Dr. Felder was born on April 11, 1949, in Marshallville, Georgia, a beloved
47 daughter of Arthur Felder II and Carrie Lou Murph Felder; and

48 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she was an active member of Saint James
49 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and active in several community organizations; and

50 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science and master's degrees from Fort Valley
51 State College and later received her doctoral degree from Nova Southern University in Fort
52 Lauderdale, Florida; and

53 WHEREAS, Dr. Felder taught in the Macon County School System from 1971 until 1981,
54 where she served as Assistant Administrator with the Macon County Board of Education and
55 as principal of the new Macon County Elementary School and the D.F. Douglass Alternative
56 Center before retiring in 2003; and

57 WHEREAS, her love for her city and others led her to be elected to the city council, where
58 her long service included the position of Mayor Pro Tem; and

59 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
60 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
61 her family and friends were admired by others; and

62 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
63 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
64 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

65 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Felder will long be remembered for
66 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal sister, aunt, educator, and friend will be
67 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her; and

68 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
69 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.

70 **PART IV**

71 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
72 with the passing of Mr. William Lee Brown on September 18, 2014; and

73 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born on May 27, 1940; and

74 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was united in love and marriage to Debra Cross Brown and was
75 blessed with five remarkable children, Howard, Kathryn Elizabeth, Kimberly Michele, Mary
76 Margaret, and Rachel Suzanne, and 11 wonderful grandchildren, William DeWitt, Kaitlin
77 Elizabeth, Sarah Elizabeth, Julia Caroline, William Higdon, Mary Rachel, Joseph Mason,
78 William Peyton, Isabelle Grace, Gabrielle Rose, and Houston Randolph; and

79 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
80 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
81 family and friends were admired by others; and

82 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
83 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
84 made this world a better place in which to live; and

85 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Brown will long be remembered for
86 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal gentleman and friend will be missed by all
87 who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

88 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
89 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

90 **PART V**

91 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
92 citizens with the passing of Mr. Solomon T. "Sol" Dover on February 14, 1999; and

93 WHEREAS, a native of Bartow County, Mr. Dover acquired his family's farm located on
94 Georgia Highway 113 in 1939, and later gifted portions of his land to the county for
95 additions to the highway; and

96 WHEREAS, Mr. Dover was united in love and marriage to Ruby Lee Pell Dover, a union
97 which brought them nine children, all of whom were raised on the family farm and five of
98 whom continue to maintain homes on the farm to date; and

99 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Dover served as treasurer and Sunday
100 school superintendent for Raccoon Creek Church and was instrumental in helping the church
101 accomplish numerous building additions; and

102 WHEREAS, Mr. Dover was a hard-working, passionate leader of his community, where he
103 donated his time to serve as trustee for the Stilesboro School; and

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

106 **PART VI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

127 WHEREAS, an official Georgia dedication sign does not exist at what is known as the Louie
128 Morris Bridge, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this body recognizes this

129 remarkable and distinguished Georgian by erecting an official Georgia bridge dedication
130 marker.

131 **PART VII**

132 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
133 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on U.S. Highway 19 North over Buck Creek in
134 Schley County is dedicated as the Thomas William Poole Memorial Bridge.

135 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on US 441/SR 15 over
136 Interstate 85 in Banks County is dedicated as the Richard Chambers Bridge.

137 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 127 over
138 the Flint River Overflow, 3 miles west of Marshallville in Macon County, is dedicated as the
139 Dr. Delores Felder Memorial Bridge.

140 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 26 over the
141 Flint River Overflow in Macon County is dedicated as the William Brown Bridge.

142 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Raccoon Creek on
143 Georgia Highway 133 west of Cartersville in Bartow County is dedicated as the Solomon T.
144 "Sol" Dover Memorial Bridge.

145 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. 29 over the
146 Savannah River in Hart County is dedicated as the Louie Morris Memorial Bridge.

147 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
148 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
149 resolution.

150 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of is authorized and directed to
151 make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
152 Transportation, to the family of Mr. Thomas William Poole; Mr. Richard John Chambers,
153 Sr.; Dr. Delores Felder; Mr. William Lee Brown; Mr. Solomon T. "Sol" Dover; and Mr.
154 Louie Morris.