

Senate Resolution 941

By: Senators Parent of the 42nd, Henson of the 41st, Shafer of the 48th, Hill of the 4th, Butler of the 55th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ambassador David Adelman and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ambassador David Adelman is widely recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he plays in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Ambassador Adelman earned a bachelor's degree from the University of
7 Georgia, where he later served as a professor for the Honors Program, a master's degree from
8 Georgia State University, and a law degree from Emory University; and

9 WHEREAS, Ambassador Adelman served as an assistant attorney general in Georgia for
10 three years and worked as a partner at the law firm Sutherland, Asbill, and Brennan LLP; and

11 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to his
12 constituents as a member of the Georgia State Senate for eight years, where he served as
13 Minority Whip and chairman of the Senate Urban Affairs Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, he served as the 15th United States Ambassador to Singapore, and his tenure
15 was characterized by an increase in the robust business relationship between the United
16 States and Southeast Asia; and

17 WHEREAS, Ambassador Adelman led eight trade missions to India, Indonesia, Malaysia,
18 Myanmar, and Vietnam, and his trade mission to Naypyidaw in 2012 was the first American
19 business delegation to the capital of Myanmar; and

20 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in implementing President Barack Obama's "pivot to Asia"
21 initiative, which is a strategic rebalancing of military and soft-powered assets toward the

22 region, and during Ambassador Adelman's tenure, the United States agreed to deploy naval
23 vessels to Singapore for the first time; and

24 WHEREAS, Ambassador Adelman launched the United States-Singapore Strategic
25 Partnership Dialogue and established a Third Country Training Program to address health,
26 educational, and environmental issues in Southeast Asia; and

27 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the United
28 States Navy Distinguished Public Service Award, which is the highest honor given to
29 non-Navy personnel, and the United States State Department Superior Honor Award for his
30 diplomatic leadership; and

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

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
34 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 42/Briarcliff Road over the south
35 fork of Peachtree Creek in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Ambassador David Adelman
36 Bridge.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
38 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Ambassador David Adelman
39 Bridge.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
41 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Ambassador David
42 Adelman and to the Department of Transportation.