

House Resolution 1487

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Cheokas of the 138th, Deffenbaugh of the 1st, and McClain of the 100th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr., demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
4 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to
5 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
7 States military, valiantly and courageously serving in the Korean War; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Mr. Mathews established
9 the Watson-Mathews Funeral Home and an ambulance service in Montezuma, Georgia; and

10 WHEREAS, he assisted members of the community during times of need and sorrow for
11 more than 40 years and owned and operated Mathews Memorials and Vault Company; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews served as county coroner, a Master of Traveler's Rest Lodge #65
13 F&M, and a member and president of the Montezuma Kiwanis Club, Macon County Housing
14 Authority, American Legion Post #124, and VFW Post #6442; and

15 WHEREAS, he was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Al Sihah Shrine
16 Center, National Funeral Directors Association, Georgia Academy of Graduate Embalmers,
17 and Georgia Funeral Directors Association; and

18 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Mathews was a member of Montezuma
19 United Methodist Church and the Baracca Sunday School Class; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
21 American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 224 from the intersection with
24 State Route 90/Spalding Road to the intersection with East Railroad Street in Macon County
25 is dedicated as the Walter M. Mathews, Jr., Memorial Highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Walter M. Mathews, Jr.,
28 Memorial Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.