

Senate Resolution 1062

By: Senators Black of the 8th, Walker III of the 20th, Kirk of the 13th, Harper of the 7th and Jones of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James Slaton "Jay" Shaw and dedicating a road in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Slaton "Jay" Shaw was widely recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw attended Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College before establishing
7 The Jay Shaw Company, a real estate and insurance agency focused on providing financial
8 support and involvement for communities in and around his hometown of Lakeland, Georgia;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to his
11 constituents as a member of the House of Representatives for 17 years as a representative for
12 House District 176 and chairman of the community health subcommittee for the House
13 Committee on Appropriations; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw served as mayor of Lakeland for ten years, a position in which his
15 leadership and diplomacy were instrumental in advancing the city's position in the region and
16 preserving Banks Lake as a historic landmark;

17 WHEREAS, he served on the State Transportation Board from 2010 to 2015 and led the
18 board as chairman in 2013; and

19 WHEREAS, during his time serving this state, Mr. Shaw focused on advancing healthcare
20 in rural areas, improving Georgia's transportation system, and promoting balance and
21 positive reform; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Shaw was a trustee and board member of
23 Unity United Methodist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, his legacy lives on through his wife of 45 years, Libby Shaw; his devoted sons
25 and daughters-in-law, Jason, Sam, Katy, and Christa; and his adoring grandchildren, Jenna,
26 Brady, Anne Harvey, and Slaton; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Highway 22/State Route 31 from the
31 intersection of State Route 11 and State Route 31 in Lakeland to the intersection of State
32 Route 7 and State Route 31 in Valdosta in Lowndes County is dedicated as the James Slaton
33 "Jay" Shaw Memorial Highway.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
35 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the James Slaton "Jay" Shaw
36 Memorial Highway.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
39 James Slaton "Jay" Shaw Memorial Highway and to the Department of Transportation.