

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 892:

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Governor Sonny Perdue has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
4 for the vital role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Warner Robins High School, Governor Perdue earned a doctorate  
7 in veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, he served his country with honor as a Captain in the United States Air Force  
9 and went on to become a successful and well-respected businessman and participant in civic  
10 and church affairs before beginning his political career; and

11 WHEREAS, Governor Perdue was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1990, attaining the office  
12 of President Pro Tempore and serving in that body until he began his first successful  
13 campaign for Governor and was elected in 2002; and

14 WHEREAS, Governor Perdue was sworn in as Georgia's 81st governor on January 13, 2003,  
15 the first Republican to occupy the governor's mansion since the Reconstruction era; and

16 WHEREAS, his two terms as governor were marked by reformation of the state budget by  
17 cutting wasteful spending and turning the state's budget deficit into a substantial surplus and  
18 leading the state as it created more than 200,000 new jobs and posted the highest graduation  
19 rate and SAT scores in state history; and

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

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**PART II**

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Bob Bryant was widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital  
24 role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
25 citizens of Georgia; and

26 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant earned a bachelor's degree from Columbia College and served as  
27 a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces for more  
28 than 20 years; and

29 WHEREAS, he worked for the City of Savannah as a sanitation superintendent for three  
30 years and as a facility maintenance supervisor from 1991 to 2001; he also served as an  
31 operations/general manager for radio station WEAS FM and an office manager for the Allen  
32 and Perry Law Firm; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant served for many years as an honorary council member and two  
34 terms as Mayor Pro Tem on the Garden City Council; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy  
36 to his constituents as a member of the House of Representatives, where he served on the  
37 House Committees on Appropriations, Economic Development and Tourism, Industry and  
38 Labor, Transportation, and Ways and Means; and

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

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**PART III**

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
43 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that Interstate 75 in Houston County from the Peach County  
44 line to the Dooly County line is dedicated as the Governor Sonny Perdue Highway.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on GA 21/GA 421/GA 25/Interstate 516 at  
46 the intersection of State Route 25 and State Route 26 Connector/Burnsed Blvd. in Chatham  
47 County is dedicated as the Bob Bryant Memorial Bridge.

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

51 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
52 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Governor Sonny  
53 Perdue, to the family of Mr. Bob Bryant, and to the Department of Transportation.