HOUSE SUBSTITUTE TO SENATE RESOLUTION 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 of the citizens of Georgia; and 5 6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Warner Robins High School, Governor Perdue earned a doctorate in veterinary medicine from the University of Georgia; and 7 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
- 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
- a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces for more
- 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

WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant served for many years as an honorary council member and twoterms 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
- WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of thisdistinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.
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PART III

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

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Victor A. Anderson demonstrated a deep personal
commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety
and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
States Army and Army National Guard for 22 years and was killed in action while serving
in Iraq; and

51 WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Anderson's commendations include the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement 52 53 Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Component Achievement Medal, 54 National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal, Iraqi Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, 55 56 Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Armed Forces Service Medal, Armed Forces 57 Reserve Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Army Overseas Service Ribbon, United Nations Medal, NATO Medal-Former Republic of 58 59 Yugoslavia, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Saudi Arabia, Kuwait Liberation Medal-Kuwait, 60 Georgia Special Operations Ribbon, and Georgia State Active Duty Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, he served as a police officer and deputy sheriff in his hometown of Ellaville and
as a deputy sheriff in Sumter County; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant First Class Anderson embodied the spirit of service, willing to find
meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this
remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in
his memory.

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PART IV

68 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL

69 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that Interstate 75 in Houston County from the Peach County

70 line to the Dooly County line is dedicated as the Governor Sonny Perdue Highway.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge on GA 21/GA 421/GA 25/Interstate 516 at

72 the intersection of State Route 25 and State Route 26 Connector/Burnsed Blvd. in Chatham

73 County is dedicated as the Bob Bryant Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 19 from
Schley County mile marker 0 to Sumter County mile marker 15.7 and continuing to the
northern city limits of Americus at mile marker 14 is dedicated as the SFC Victor A.
Anderson Memorial Highway.

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

- 81 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 82 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Governor Sonny
- 83 Perdue, to the family of Mr. Bob Bryant and Sergeant First Class Victor A. Anderson, and
- 84 to the Department of Transportation.