

Senate Resolution 892

By: Senators Walker III of the 20th, Hill of the 4th, Kennedy of the 18th, Lucas of the 26th,
Black of the 8th and others

ADOPTED

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

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

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

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

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

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

67 **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.

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

78 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
79 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
80 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.