

House Resolution 255

By: Representative Holmes of the 129th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Henry Grady Layson, Sr., and dedicating a road in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Grady Layson, Sr., was born on December 1, 1891, in Jasper
4 County, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, an adept farmer, Mr. Layson operated a cotton gin and several saw mills
6 throughout Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida; and

7 WHEREAS, because Mr. Layson did not obtain a formal education of his own, he was driven
8 to help others in his community uplift their lives through scholarship; and

9 WHEREAS, he built a schoolhouse in Putnam County named Henderson Grove and hired
10 the school's first teacher; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Layson also established a school which allowed teachers to live on site and
12 hired the first agriculture teacher for Jasper County; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
14 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
16 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 212 from Bragg Road to the
17 Putnam County line in Jasper County is dedicated as the Henry Grady Layson, Sr., Memorial
18 Highway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
20 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Henry Grady Layson, Sr.,
21 Memorial Highway.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
24 family of Henry Grady Layson, Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.