

Senate Resolution 274

By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Wilkinson of the 50th, Mullis of the 53rd, Jeffares of the 17th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Ben Barron Ross and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Ben
4 Barron Ross on December 30, 2016; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ross was born on July 26, 1921, the beloved son of James Morgan Ross
6 and Kate Barron Ross; and

7 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree and law degree from Mercer University and
8 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during
9 World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ross moved to Lincolnton, Georgia, in 1949 and was elected to serve as
11 a state representative with the Georgia General Assembly in 1957, a position he continued
12 to adeptly serve in for 28 years; and

13 WHEREAS, he served as the attorney for Lincoln County for 38 years, during which time
14 he was instrumental in paving the way for a new library building and was a member of the
15 Lincolnton United Methodist Church and Lincoln County Historical Society; and

16 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
17 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Georgia Highway 47 in Lincoln County from

22 the intersection of GA 43 and GA 47 in the city limits of Lincolnton to the intersection of GA
23 47 and GA 220 in Cliatt Crossing is dedicated as the Ben Barron Ross Memorial Highway.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Ben Barron Ross Memorial
26 Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
29 Mr. Ben Barron Ross and to the Department of Transportation.