

Senate Resolution 299

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Seay of the 34th, Orrock of the 36th, Davenport of the 44th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Horace Julian Bond and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and civil rights activists on
4 August 15, 2015, with the passing of Mr. Horace Julian Bond; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and raised in Pennsylvania while
6 his father served as the first African American president of Lincoln University; and

7 WHEREAS, he attended Morehouse College in Atlanta, where he helped found *The Pegasus*,
8 a literary magazine, and worked as an intern at *TIME* magazine; and

9 WHEREAS, during his time at Morehouse College, Mr. Bond was a founding member of the
10 Committee on Appeal for Human Rights, led nonviolent student protests against segregation
11 in Atlanta parks, restaurants, and movie theaters, and helped form the Student Nonviolent
12 Coordinating Committee in Raleigh, North Carolina; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond was voted into the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965 but
14 could not take his seat until court ordered action in 1967 because the legislature refused to
15 swear him in due to his vocal opposition to the Vietnam War; and

16 WHEREAS, he served in the House of Representatives until 1975 and went on to serve in
17 the Georgia Senate from 1975 to 1986, sponsoring more than 60 bills that were ratified into
18 law during his tenure with the General Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bond served as president of the Southern Poverty Law Center from 1971
20 to 1979 and was an active member of the National Association for the Advancement of
21 Colored People from 1998 to 2010; and

22 WHEREAS, he served as a commentator for NBC's "Today" show, wrote a national
23 newspaper column, and produced poems that have appeared in publications such as the
24 *Nation* and the *New York Times*; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 129 from Cascade Road to State
29 Route 14 (Whitehall Street) in Fulton County is dedicated as the Julian Bond Memorial
30 Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
32 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Julian Bond Memorial
33 Highway.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
35 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
36 Mr. Horace Julian Bond and to the Department of Transportation.