

## House Resolution 685

By: Representatives Peake of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Dickey of the 140<sup>th</sup>, and Holmes of the 129<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James "Jim" V. Ham and dedicating a road in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Jim" V. Ham was born on June 2, 1961, in Monroe County,  
4 Georgia, the beloved son of Philip Benson Ham, Sr., and Elsi Sanders Ham; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Mary Persons High School, Mr. Ham attended Gordon College  
6 and the University of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, along with his father and brother, Mr. Ham established Sleepy Creek Farms,  
8 a cattle farm that helped bolster the economy of Monroe County by bringing national  
9 recognition to the area through innovations in cattle farming techniques; and

10 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous organizations,  
11 including the Georgia Farm Bureau, Monroe County Farm Bureau, Middle Georgia  
12 Cattlemen's Association, and the Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee of the  
13 Association County Commissioners of Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Ham was appointed to the State Water Planning Council, was a founding  
15 member of the Two Rivers Rural Conservation and Development, and served as supervisor  
16 and director with the Towaliga Soil and Water Conservation District, president of the  
17 Georgia Association of Conservation District Supervisors, president of the Association  
18 County Commissioners of Georgia, and as a member of the Agricultural Affairs Committee  
19 for the National Association of Counties; and

20 WHEREAS, he was elected as a Monroe County Commissioner for District 2 in 1987,  
21 adeptly representing his constituents and serving the county with dedication and excellence;  
22 and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Georgia Highway 19/41 from Montpelier  
27 Road to Shi Road in Monroe County is dedicated as the James "Jim" V. Ham Memorial  
28 Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the James "Jim" V. Ham  
31 Memorial Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 family of Mr. James "Jim" V. Ham and to the Department of Transportation.