The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 204:

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

PART I

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Kyle Gilbert demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans, and was killed in Afghanistan; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Mill Creek High School, Mr. Gilbert was a junior leader of his battalion and his commendations included the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal, and the Army Service Ribbon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Gilbert will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son, brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Gilbert embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a highway in his memory.

PART II

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson have long been recognized for their talent on stage and ability to bring joy and delight to audiences; and

WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, LaTanya Richardson Jackson was a student at Spelman College when she met her husband, Samuel, while he was attending Morehouse College; and

WHEREAS, Samuel has appeared in more than 100 films and is one of Hollywood's most respected actors, with an incredible career spanning five decades; and

WHEREAS, he is cool like Fonzie, starring as Jules, the philosopher hit man, in the cult classic *Pulp Fiction* and appearing in numerous other Quentin Tarantino films, including *The Hateful Eight, Kill Bill,* and *Django Unchained;* and

WHEREAS, his depth as an actor can be further demonstrated by his wide-ranging roles in movies such as *Jackie Brown, Jurassic Park, The Long Kiss Goodnight, A Time to Kill, The Incredibles, Do the Right Thing, Snakes on a Plane,* and the *Avengers* and *Star Wars* series; and

WHEREAS, a standout actress in her own right, LaTanya starred in the 2003 musical *The Fighting Temptations* and was nominated for a Tony Award for Best Lead Actress in a Play for her role in the 2013 performance of *A Raisin in the Sun;* and

WHEREAS, they are blessed with one remarkable daughter, Zoe Jackson, who is a freelance film and television producer; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body recognize the lives and careers of these distinguished individuals by dedicating a road in their honor.

PART IV

WHEREAS, the Berrong family of Towns County, Georgia, has a rich history and tradition of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jay Berrong served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military during World War II and was captured as a prisoner of war; and
WHEREAS, several members of the Berrong family sacrificed their own safety and comfort to protect and serve this nation in the military; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kris Berrong continues his family's tradition of service as a member of the Hiawassee City Council; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sanford Berrong ran the town store in High Tower while the Titus post office was operated by Mr. Homer Berrong; and

WHEREAS, generations of the Berrong family have lived their entire lives near the bridge on SR 2/US 76 near Clayton Mountain Road; and

WHEREAS, some of Towns County's first educators were members of the Berrong family while Mr. Darren Berrong serves as the current superintendent for Towns County high schools; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgia family be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

PART V

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyler Perry was born on September 13, 1969, in New Orleans, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, in 1998, his first musical, I Know I've Been Changed, premiered at the famous Fox Theatre in Atlanta; in 2005, his first feature film, Diary Of A Mad Black Woman, debuted at number one; and in 2006, he released his first book, Don't Make A Black Woman Take Off Her Earrings: Madea's Uninhibited Commentaries On Life And Love, which remained on the New York Times bestseller list for eight weeks; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Mr. Perry's comedic talents delighted audiences worldwide with the TBS series House of Payne and later with the series Meet the Browns, which were the highest and second highest rated first-run syndicated cable shows of all time, respectively, and he currently has four television series on Oprah Winfrey's network, OWN; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he revitalized Delta Airlines' former headquarters and opened a 200,000 square foot studio in Atlanta that employs hundreds of Georgians, and in 2015, Mr. Perry bought 330 acres of the former military base, Fort McPherson, on which he will
WHEREAS, Mr. Perry strongly supports our state and national communities through charities such as Feeding America, Covenant House, Hosea Feed the Hungry, Project Adventure, Perry Place, and his own foundation, the Tyler Perry Foundation, which transforms tragedy into triumph by empowering economically disadvantaged youths, seniors, and families to overcome adversity by achieving a better quality of life; and

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

PART VI

WHEREAS, Mr. Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb is considered by many to be the greatest baseball player in American history; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb used his speed and precision hitting to earn the highest batting average in the history of the game with .367; and

WHEREAS, the eldest of three children, he grew up in Royston, Georgia, under the watchful eyes of his father, who was a schoolteacher, principal, newspaper publisher, state senator, and county school commissioner; and

WHEREAS, in his 24 seasons of playing baseball, he broke .300 batting average an incredible 23 times; and

WHEREAS, he played a majority of his career with the Detroit Tigers, was a leader in runs scored with 2,245, and took the Tigers to the World Series in 1907; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cobb was the Baseball Hall of Fame's first inductee in 1936; and

WHEREAS, a generous philanthropist, Mr. Cobb donated funding to build a 24 bed hospital in Royston and $100,000.00 for college scholarships for needy students in Georgia through the Ty Cobb Educational Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.
PART VII
WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy Cruz Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Thomas' life was tragically cut short in the line of duty while protecting
and serving the citizens of Franklin County; and

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

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

PART VIII
WHEREAS, Chief W. Lynn Taylor served as the Director of Public Safety and Chief of
Police for Waycross, Georgia, from 1978 until 2001; and

WHEREAS, Chief Taylor returned to public service after his retirement from law
enforcement in 2001 to serve as city commissioner from 2004 to 2007; and

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

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

PART IX
WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Lou Glover was born on February 21, 1899, in Milledgeville,
Georgia, a beloved daughter of Charles and Mary Washington; and

WHEREAS, the eldest of 11 children and the granddaughter of slaves, Mrs. Glover
graduated valedictorian of Eddy High School in Baldwin County and attended Spelman
Seminary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Glover dedicated her time, talents, and energy toward challenging and
inspiring the future leaders of this state as an educator in Dublin, Jasper County, and Baldwin
County, where she walked four and one-half miles each day to teach; and
WHEREAS, she was hired in 1934 to teach in Camden County, earned distinction as Teacher of the Year in 1962, and retired from the education system after 49 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Glover continued to strengthen her own education throughout her career, earning a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley State College; and

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

PART X

WHEREAS, Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military during World War II; and

WHEREAS, in 1960, he began his career serving the people of Taylor County as a school bus driver and he went on to serve as Transportation Director until an automobile accident in 2000; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were instrumental as a Taylor County commissioner for six years and as a member of the Taylor County Board of Family and Children Services for 16 years; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Welch was a deacon at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church and was a Gideon who helped spread the Word of God by distributing Gideon Bibles; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy as a member of the Masonic Lodge; and

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

PART XI

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank "Poppa D." Delaney, Jr., was employed by the Thomas County School System in 1969 and assigned to East Ochlocknee School where he served as teacher and acting principal; and
WHEREAS, following the full integration of schools in Thomas County in 1970, he served as a math teacher at Central High School in Thomas County until he was named assistant principal in 1972; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in being a strong public example, as well as working diligently behind the scenes, to help ensure a smooth transition for Thomas County's families and their children and was one of the primary steadying forces during the tumultuous years of school desegregation; and

WHEREAS, he served as high school assistant principal from 1972 to 1993, earning the love, respect, and admiration of thousands of Thomas County students; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, he was named principal of Thomas County Central High School, devotedly leading thousands of children of Thomas County, until his retirement in 2008; and

WHEREAS, when called upon by the school district in a time of need, he returned to the school system in 2011 to serve Thomas County Central High School as dean of students and principal emeritus; and

WHEREAS, he has led students, teachers, and the community at large with his uncanny wisdom, his powerful sincerity, and his gracious good humor; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by the entire county as "Poppa D.," Mr. Delaney is considered one of the cornerstones of community influence by all of the citizens within Thomas County; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Thomas County desire to establish a lasting tribute to one whose career spans nearly half a century and has become part of the very fabric of Thomas County, born and raised on Pebble Hill Plantation and spending his entire adult life working with the Thomas County School System; and

WHEREAS, he has steadfastly placed God and family as the centerpieces of his leadership philosophy, never shying away from an opportunity to lead people toward one while always making sure to include them as part of the other; and

WHEREAS, he has been honored by innumerable social and civic organizations for his invaluable service to tens of thousands of Thomas County citizens; and
WHEREAS, his legacy will continue to impact the development of Thomas County for many
generations to come; and

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

PART XII
WHEREAS, several local governments and interested parties along Highway 15 have come
together to form the Highway 15 Coalition in order to promote economic development and
tourism along this important corridor; and

WHEREAS, Highway 15 traverses the state from the Tennessee state line to the Florida state
line and is a traditional route for travelers to the Georgia coast, the Classic City of Athens,
and on to the northeast Georgia mountains; and

WHEREAS, the Highway 15 corridor contains numerous features and stops promoted by
both the Georgia Department of Tourism and the Highway 15 Coalition that may be enjoyed
by travelers; and

WHEREAS, it abundantly fitting and proper that the Highway 15 corridor be dedicated as
the Traditions Highway.

PART XIII
WHEREAS, the Gordy family of Washington County, Georgia, has a rich history and
tradition of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Berry Gordy, Jr., is the founder of the Motown Record Corporation, which
produced music from such superstar artists as the Supremes, Marvin Gaye, the Temptations,
Jimmy Ruffin, the Contours, the Four Tops, Gladys Knight and the Pips, the Commodores,
the Velvelettes, Martha and Vandellas, Stevie Wonder, and the Jackson 5; and

WHEREAS, generations of the Gordy family have lived Washington County; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished family
be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their honor.
PART XIV

WHEREAS, Mr. William Augustus "Bill" Kelly was born on February 3, 1926, the beloved son of Annie Sue Griffin Kelly and Dr. George Washington Kelly, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, a native of Athens, Mr. Kelly graduated from Elberton High School and was attending Emory University when he was drafted to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country in Japan, Mr. Kelly earned bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Tennessee, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, he had a successful career with the Elberton Granite Association, where he was instrumental in increasing membership, constructing and expanding the association's headquarters, expanding staffing, and spreading recognition of the association through establishment of an association magazine and erection of numerous exhibits; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly was an active member of his community and his leadership was instrumental in his work with Rotary Club of Elberton, the Elberton Civic Center, the Elberton-Elbert County Hospital Authority, Elberton Country Club, and Elbert County Historical Society; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including Booster of the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Achievement Award, and Elbert County Ambassador Award from the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce; and

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

PART XV

WHEREAS, Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., graduated from Waynesboro High School and earned a bachelor's degree from Emory University, where he was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Emory University School of Medicine, completed his postgraduate medical training at the University of Alabama, and was board certified in internal medicine and geriatrics; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army in Vietnam, and his commitment and service were recognized with numerous accolades, including a Purple Heart, Combat Medical Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and Air Medal; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Johnson was a member of First United Methodist Church, where he served as chair and a member of the administrative board and was active in the Chancel Choir and Progressive Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson was a lifelong Republican, serving as a page at the 1957 Republican Convention in San Francisco, the chair of the Laurens County Republican Party from 2007-2009, and a delegate to the 2008 Republican Convention; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from medicine in 2003, Dr. Johnson became passionate about the field of forestry, attended classes at the Warnell School of Forest Resources in Athens, was designated as a Certified Tree Farmer, and received the Forest Steward Award; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. Johnson will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, east, central, and southeast Georgia are some of the few remaining areas in the United States where there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of agritourism represents a readily available and effective tool for spurring economic development; and

WHEREAS, the portion of highway to be included in Georgia Grown Trail: 1 (U.S. Highway 1) winds through eight counties with miles of family owned farms, unique lodging, u-pick farms, farm stands, farm murals, hands-on educational farm experiences, farm-to-table
WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being through agritourism.

PART XVII

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 20 from I-985 to State Route 13 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Kyle Gilbert Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 129 from Cascade Road to State Route 14 (Whitehall Street) in Fulton County is dedicated as the Julian Bond Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of the State Route 3 Connector from State Route 3/Northside/Metropolitan to State Route 14/154 Peters Street in Fulton County is dedicated as the Samuel L. and LaTanya Jackson Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on SR 2/US 76 located near Clayton Mountain Road running from Rabun County into Towns County is dedicated as the Berrong Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Lee Street from the West End Mall to the entrance of Fort McPherson in Fulton County is dedicated as the Tyler Perry Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bypass in the City of Royston (SR 17/BU/Hart to SR 17/BU/Franklin) in Franklin and Hart Counties is dedicated as the Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Highway 17 from the southern city limit of Canon to the northern city limit of Canon in Franklin County is dedicated as the Deputy Cruz Thomas Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 4/US 1 South at South Point Mall and the Waycross Market Place entrances in Ware County is dedicated as the Lynn Taylor Crossing.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route Spur (E. 10th Street) from SR 25/US 17 to Cypress Drive in Camden County is dedicated as the Annie Lou Glover Boulevard.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Whitewater Creek, southwest of the City of Butler on SR 137 in Taylor County, is dedicated as the E. A. Welch, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of US Highway 84 Bypass from Thomas County Central High School to Thomas County Middle School in Thomas County is dedicated as the Frank "Poppa D." Delaney, Jr., Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 15 from the Hancock County line to the Appling County line through Washington, Johnson, Treutlen, Montgomery, and Toombs counties is dedicated as the Traditions Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 272 from Highway 24 (Fall Line Freeway) to Highway 68 in Washington County is dedicated as the Gordy Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 72 over the Broad River at the Elbert/Madison County line is dedicated as the William A. Kelly Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of the U.S. 441 Bypass and Claxton Dairy Road in Laurens County is dedicated as the Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., Major, U.S. Army Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 1 beginning at the Georgia and South Carolina state line in Richmond County through Jefferson, Emanuel, Toombs, Appling, Bacon, and Ware counties to the Florida state line in Charlton County is dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail: 1 (U.S. Highway 1).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 19/41 from Montpelier Road to Shi Road in Monroe County is dedicated as the James "Jim" V. Ham Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Samuel L. and LaTanya Richardson Jackson, the Berrong family, Mr. Tyler Perry, Mr. Frank "Poppa D." Delaney, Jr., and the Gordy family; and to the families of Mr. Kyle Gilbert, Mr. Horace Julian Bond, Mr. Tyrus Raymond "Ty" Cobb, Deputy Cruz Thomas, Chief W. Lynn Taylor, Mrs. Annie Lou Glover, Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr., Mr. William Augustus "Bill" Kelly, Dr. O.B. Johnson, Jr., and Mr. James "Jim" V. Ham.