

House Resolution 900

By: Representatives Beskin of the 54th and Metze of the 55th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. James Harold Shepherd and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. James Harold Shepherd is a pioneer in the
4 road construction industry as a founding member of the Shepherd Construction Company;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Shepherd began his illustrious career in road construction at the age of 14,
7 after his father sent to him to drive alone to Louisiana to build a levee for the WC Shepherd
8 Company; and

9 WHEREAS, over the last six decades, Mr. Shepherd and his family have been responsible
10 for constructing hundreds of miles of interstate highways in Georgia and several surrounding
11 states, as well as thousands of miles of city and county streets; and

12 WHEREAS, at one time, Mr. Shepherd managed 15 asphalt plants across Georgia, North
13 Carolina, and South Carolina and holds the patent on the "rumble roller" which marks the
14 pavement edge on roads; and

15 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were instrumental as president of the Georgia Asphalt
16 Paving Association and the Georgia Highway Contractors Association; and

17 WHEREAS, a man of great philanthropy and generosity, Mr. Shepherd is a co-founder and
18 founding board member of the Shepherd Center, a private, not for profit hospital that is
19 internationally renowned for specialized treatment, research, and rehabilitation for spinal
20 cord and brain injuries, multiple sclerosis, spine and chronic pain, and other neuromuscular
21 conditions; and

22 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a
23 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Highway Contractors Association, the
24 AAPM&R Distinguished Public Service Award, the Atlanta Business Chronicle's
25 Health-Care Heroes Award, and the 2016 Christopher Reeve Spirit of Courage Award from
26 the Dana and Christopher Reeve Foundation; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 9 between Peachtree Battle
31 Avenue and the Amtrak Peachtree Station in Fulton County is dedicated as the J. Harold
32 Shepherd Parkway.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the J. Harold Shepherd Parkway.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.
37 James Harold Shepherd and to the Department of Transportation.