

Senate Resolution 649

By: Senators Henson of the 41st, Anderson of the 43rd, Tate of the 38th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Attorney General Thurbert Baker and dedicating an interchange in his honor;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Attorney General Thurbert Baker served as attorney general for the State of
4 Georgia for 13 years under three different Governors; and

5 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel
6 Hill and a law degree from Emory University; and

7 WHEREAS, Attorney General Baker began his career in politics with the Georgia General
8 Assembly, spending eight years in the House of Representatives, where he served as the
9 House Floor Leader for Governor Zell Miller and was instrumental in shepherding the
10 passage of legislation establishing the HOPE scholarship program; and

11 WHEREAS, Attorney General Baker has been consistently selected as one of the "100 Most
12 Influential Georgians" by *Georgia Trend* magazine; and

13 WHEREAS, in 2009, he received the first annual Barack Obama Political Leadership award
14 from the National Bar Association, and he was recently selected by *Men Looking Ahead*
15 magazine as its Man of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations,
17 including the National Association of Attorneys General, the American Bar Association's
18 House of Delegates, the Democratic Attorneys General Association, and the Republican
19 Attorneys General Association; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
21 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his
22 honor.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange on Interstate 20 at State Route 12/State
25 Route 124/Turner Hill Road in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Thurbert Baker
26 Interchange.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Thurbert Baker Interchange.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Attorney General
31 Thurbert Baker and to the Department of Transportation.