

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 745:

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Robert H. "Bob" Bell honorably served this state as a member of the Georgia
4 General Assembly from 1969 through 1982, serving four years in the House of
5 Representatives and ten years in the Senate; and

6 WHEREAS, for his service in the General Assembly, he was honored by the *Atlanta*
7 *Journal-Constitution Magazine* as one of Georgia's Ten Best Legislators in 1980 and by the
8 National Conference of State Legislatures as one of the nation's Ten Outstanding Legislators
9 in 1981; and

10 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the
11 Georgia Municipal Association Award for outstanding service to Georgia citizens, the
12 Association of the United States Army award for exceptional service in support of national
13 defense, the Friend of the Children award of the Council for Children for his work in juvenile
14 justice reform, and the Red Cross award for outstanding legislative contributions and was
15 cited by the National Rifle Association and the Georgia Wildlife Association for his
16 legislative service; and

17 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental as chairman of the Republican
18 Party of Georgia, and he was the Republican Party nominee for Governor in 1982; and

19 WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Georgia with honor and distinction, and his vision and
20 unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

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

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PART II

24 WHEREAS, Honorable William "Bill" Jones serves as CEO of Jones Petroleum and JP
25 Capital & Insurance, Inc.; and

26 WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Georgia, Mr. Jones earned bachelor's and master's degrees
27 from the University of Georgia and an L.L.B. degree from Atlanta Law School; and

28 WHEREAS, he founded Jones Petroleum in 1968 with the purchase of a single convenience
29 store and through dedication and sacrifice built a diversified company with over 500
30 employees; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones served four terms in the Georgia General Assembly and is the
32 youngest professional in Georgia history to serve as Superintendent of Schools in Butts
33 County; and

34 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental as chairman of the Butts County
35 Water & Sewage Department and the Industrial Development Authority of Butts County as
36 well as numerous organizations, including the Georgia Oilman's Association, Georgia Food
37 Industry Association, C&S National Bank, Gordon State College Foundation, Partners for
38 Smart Growth, National Senatorial Committee, Convenient Stores Association of Georgia,
39 and the Piedmont and Georgia Cattleman's Associations; and

40 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
41 the 2012 Butts County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Award and the 2013 University
42 of Georgia Graduate School Alumni of Distinction Award; and

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

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PART III

46 WHEREAS, Mr. A. Frank Williams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
47 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
48 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

49 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
50 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
51 dramatically by his 44 years of superlative service with the City of Hephzibah Commission;
52 and

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams' significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
54 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
55 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
56 and

57 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
58 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

59 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served with honor and distinction with the City of Hephzibah
60 Commission, and his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service;
61 and

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

64 **PART IV**

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

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

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

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

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

78 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations,
79 including the National Association of Attorneys General, the American Bar Association's
80 House of Delegates, the Democratic Attorneys General Association, and the Republican
81 Attorneys General Association; and

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

85 **PART V**

86 WHEREAS, Mr. Troy Simpson was born in Habersham County, Georgia, on August 5,
87 1933, and was a lifelong resident of the community; and

88 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Simpson was a devoted member of Hazel
89 Creek Baptist Church and served as a Habersham County Rotarian; and

90 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson sacrificed his own safety and comfort to protect and serve this
91 nation in the United States Army and began a career in the automobile industry upon
92 returning home from defending our nation; and

93 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson dedicated himself to public service for more than 20 years,
94 including service as a Habersham County Commissioner; and

95 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson served with honor and distinction on the State Transportation
96 Board from 1969 until 1982, which included a term as chairman; and

97 WHEREAS, during his service on the State Transportation Board, Mr. Simpson was
98 instrumental in the development of one of the most prominent roadway projects in Georgia
99 with the completion of State Route 365; and

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

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PART VI

103 WHEREAS, Mr. Horace Fitzpatrick was born on January 18, 1930, the beloved son of Ernest
104 Obediah Fitzpatrick and Chester Bonnie White and youngest of 13 children; and

105 WHEREAS, a graduate of Ila High School in 1947 where he served as class president, Mr.
106 Fitzpatrick earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree, and specialist degree from the
107 University of Georgia; and

108 WHEREAS, he dedicated 16 years to inspiring the future leaders of this state as an educator
109 in White County, where he instilled in his pupils his core values, morals, and respect for
110 others and how to become a valuable and contributing member of society; and

111 WHEREAS, a hero to many of his students, Mr. Fitzpatrick was elected to serve as White
112 County Superintendent of Schools in 1968 and served in this position for 12 years; and

113 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
114 talents, and energy toward the betterment of education for all Georgians as further evidenced
115 by his ten years of service with the Department of Education; and

116 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
117 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

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PART VII

121 WHEREAS, Mr. Rudy Bowen was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Dawson County
122 High School as well as the University of Georgia; and

123 WHEREAS, a former lumber salesman, Mr. Bowen founded Bowen Family Homes in 1969
124 when he built a new home in Gwinnett County; and

125 WHEREAS, over the next five years, Mr. Bowen constructed an average of 50 homes a year
126 and, in 1985, the company began its own land development efforts, which allowed the
127 company to avoid third-party costs; and

128 WHEREAS, to this day, Bowen Family Homes constructs entire communities and provides
129 customers with a total home buying experience; and

130 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was the fourth largest in metro Atlanta with 59 homes
131 closed, according to the 2009-2010 *Atlanta Business Chronicle* Book of Lists, and it
132 generated \$165 million in revenue in 2008 with 30 full-time employees; and

133 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was recognized as the 25th largest privately owned
134 builder in the country by *Builder Magazine* for 2005 and in 2007 and was named Georgia
135 Family Business of the Year among medium sized companies by *Georgia Trend* and the Cox
136 Family Enterprise Center at Kennesaw State University; and

137 WHEREAS, *The Atlanta Business Chronicle* ranked Bowen Family Homes fifth among
138 metro Atlanta builders in 2007 and 40th among Atlanta's Top Private Companies for 2007;
139 and

140 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was ranked 83rd on the 2007 Professional Builder Giant
141 400 largest homebuilders in the United States list; and

142 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen has been happily married to his wife, Jean, for 56 years; is the father
143 of Allison, Beth, and David; and has eight wonderful grandchildren; and

144 WHEREAS, he has performed many unspoken acts of stewardship on behalf of the Gwinnett
145 County community and the State of Georgia and made donations to Children's Healthcare
146 of Atlanta and Gwinnett Children's Center; and

147 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes helped build a hospice for the children in Gwinnett,
148 donated to the American Red Cross after Hurricane Katrina, and participated in several other
149 civic projects and causes; and

150 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen has served diligently on the Department of Transportation Board
151 since 2007, representing the 7th Congressional District, and he previously served as
152 chairman; and

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

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PART VIII

156 WHEREAS, Mr. John D. Stephens may be best known for his long and accomplished career
157 in construction, real estate, banking, and waste management, but he has also made his
158 mark on the civic community of the Atlanta region; and

159 WHEREAS, in 2000, a lifetime in the contracting business led Mr. Stephens to take on what
160 may be his legacy project - the construction of the fifth runway of the world's busiest airport
161 at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport; and

162 WHEREAS, needing 17 million cubic yards of fill to build up the runway, he and his three
163 sons, Mike, Mark, and Mitch, formed Stephens MDS LP and acquired 485 acres of property
164 adjacent to the airport; and

165 WHEREAS, to complete this mammoth project, the company built a four-mile overland
166 conveyor system that crossed streams and interstate highways and, over a two-year period,
167 moved enough dirt and rock to fill the Georgia Dome six times; and

168 WHEREAS, the conveyor system was reliable and cost efficient and hailed for limiting the
169 project's impact on the environment; and

170 WHEREAS, as that project neared completion, Mr. Stephens recognized that the residential
171 and commercial development trends in the region would produce a demand for a sustainable
172 waste management facility, so he opened a construction and demolition disposal facility on
173 the very land from which he borrowed fill for the runway project; and

174 WHEREAS, by 2005, Mr. Stephens had organized Stephens Rock and Dirt, Inc., an on-site
175 recycling operation that accepts soil, concrete, and other inert materials which are processed
176 and resold as raw materials, thereby preserving precious landfill space; and

177 WHEREAS, Stephens MDS continues to provide dirt and aggregate rock fill to the City of
178 Atlanta for ongoing construction at the world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson
179 International Airport; and

180 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations,
181 including on the Board of Trustees of Georgia Gwinnett College, the Board of Directors of

182 the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association,
183 and the Georgia Board of Industry, Trade, and Tourism; and

184 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the
185 Citizen of the Year Award in 2006, the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful Environmental Legacy
186 Award in 2007, and the naming of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce's Education
187 Center in his honor; and

188 WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens and his wife, Beverly, reside in Snellville, Georgia, where they
189 enjoy their five children and nine grandchildren and are active supporters of many charitable
190 causes, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of
191 America, Hi-Hope Service Center in Lawrenceville, and Gwinnett Children's Shelter; and

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

194 **PART IX**

195 WHEREAS, Mr. Virgil R. Williams graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in
196 1963 and as a senior, developed a 40 home subdivision, a gas station, and 12 unit apartment
197 project in his native Atlanta; and

198 WHEREAS, upon graduation, he became president of Williams Contracting, a company that
199 has made its mark in industrial contracting, environmental services, civil and industrial
200 engineering, construction services, and real estate; and

201 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams conceived the "Williams Plan," which showed companies how
202 to save millions of dollars in maintenance costs and reinvented service in the heavy and
203 complicated manufacturing and utility industries; and

204 WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, he purchased a small group of banks in the Atlanta area and
205 convinced Kroger supermarkets to allow him to open branches in their Georgia stores; and

206 WHEREAS, this innovation changed the face of modern banking, with Mr. Williams
207 utilizing this idea nationwide in the form of International Banking Technologies; his financial
208 institutions eventually became part of Bank of America, one of the largest banks in the
209 United States; and

210 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a member of the Bank of America Board of Directors, where
211 he served on the Executive Committee and the Compensation Committee and chaired the
212 Governance Committee until his retirement; and

213 WHEREAS, he served as Governor Zell Miller's chief of staff from 1991 to 1995, where he
214 chaired a monumental study on effectiveness and economy in government; during his tenure
215 in state government, Mr. Williams also served on the Georgia Board of Regents and assisted
216 in other activities for Governor Miller; and

217 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has served on the Board of Trustees at Young Harris College, the
218 Board of Councilors of the Carter Center, and serves on the Board of the Savannah College
219 of Art and Design; he is also a past director of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and past
220 executive committee member of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; and he continues
221 to serve as a director of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce; and

222 WHEREAS, in 1994, he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by both the Georgia
223 Institute of Technology School of Engineering and the School of Industrial Systems
224 Engineering, and in 2005, became the managing member of LLI Management Company,
225 LLC, a resort enterprise of the Virgil R. Williams Family, which owns the long-term
226 leasehold interests in Lake Lanier Islands Resort; and

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

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PART X

230 WHEREAS, United States Army Captain Corry Paul Tyler was born on December 12, 1977,
231 in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Camden County High School in 1995; and

232 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy at West
233 Point and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Aviation after graduation;
234 and

235 WHEREAS, Captain Tyler served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
236 three tours in Iraq in 2003, 2006, and 2007; and

237 WHEREAS, on August 22, 2007, while deployed in Multaka, Iraq, Captain Tyler, along
238 with 13 others, made the ultimate sacrifice when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed during
239 a nighttime mission; and

240 WHEREAS, Captain Tyler's service was recognized with numerous decorations including
241 two Bronze Stars, three Army Commendation medals, two National Defense Service medals,
242 the Air Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism
243 Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas
244 Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, and Army Aviator Badge; and

245 WHEREAS, Captain Tyler embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
246 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable
247 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his
248 memory.

249 **PART XI**

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

253 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter James Gaskins was born on June 27, 1922, a lifelong resident of
254 Berrien County, Georgia; and

255 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
256 States Navy, valiantly and courageously defending America during World War II from 1940
257 to 1946; and

258 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaskins served on the USS Arizona and survived the attack on Pearl
259 Harbor; and

260 WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a
261 willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his
262 fellow man; and

263 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaskins embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
264 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding

265 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
266 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

267 **PART XII**

268 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
269 citizens with the passing of Polk County Police Detective Kristen Snead Hearne on
270 September 29, 2017; and

271 WHEREAS, Detective Hearne was born in Summerville, Georgia, on November 15, 1987,
272 the beloved daughter of Sidney Snead and Trish Snead Brewer; and

273 WHEREAS, a graduate of Rockmart High School, Detective Hearne began her career in law
274 enforcement in 2008 at the Floyd County jail; and

275 WHEREAS, in 2010, Detective Hearne became a deputy sheriff with the Floyd County
276 Sheriff's Department, and in 2012, she returned to Polk County to work patrol with the Polk
277 County Police Department; and

278 WHEREAS, she worked as an investigator with the Polk County Police Department from
279 2013 to 2017; and

280 WHEREAS, Detective Hearne's life was tragically cut short when she and another officer
281 were ambushed by gunfire from two suspects upon responding to a call involving a suspected
282 stolen vehicle; and

283 WHEREAS, Detective Hearne was united in love and marriage to her husband, Matt Hearne,
284 and was blessed with a remarkable son, Isaac; and

285 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Detective Hearne will long be
286 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, daughter, mother, and
287 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her; and

288 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
289 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.

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PART XIII

291 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoyt Dean "Dink" McCoy was a lifelong resident of Banks County,
292 Georgia, where he was known by many as the mayor emeritus of Bushville; and

293 WHEREAS, Mr. McCoy was the owner of McCoy Grading Company and was a passionate
294 fan of NASCAR; and

295 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. McCoy was an active member of Webbs
296 Creek Baptist Church; and

297 WHEREAS, he was a loving and devoted father to his daughters, Marsha, Chris, and Kim,
298 who blessed him with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and he was a
299 supportive brother to his sisters, Jean, Nan, Mary, Jimmie, and Sid; and

300 WHEREAS, a politics buff, Mr. McCoy enjoyed attending the legislature's annual Wild Hog
301 Supper and, along with "Boll Weevil" Rylee, is said to have manufactured and delivered
302 more nontaxed clear spirits to the Georgia State Capitol than any other Georgian; and

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

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PART XIV

306 WHEREAS, Mr. L. Douglas Griffith has lived in his home on Georgia Highway 92 in
307 Paulding County since his parents, Lemon Gray and Mable Clara Annie Grogan Griffith,
308 purchased it on September 4, 1944, when he was just nine months old; and

309 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith has long been recognized by his neighbors in Crossroads, Georgia,
310 for his leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
311 Georgia; and

312 WHEREAS, his vision and guidance have been instrumental to numerous local
313 organizations, including Citizens to Save Paulding County, the Paulding County
314 Archaeology Association, the Paulding County Historical Society, and the county's
315 Sesquicentennial Committee; and

316 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Griffith is a faithful member of Crossroads
317 Baptist Church of Christ and has served as a delegate to the First District Union Meeting of
318 the New Hope Baptist Association; and

319 WHEREAS, he has tirelessly worked to keep Georgia Highway 92 clean and in a state of
320 safe repair for the traveling public; and

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

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PART XV

324 WHEREAS, Representative Lynmore James has long been recognized by the citizens of this
325 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
326 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

327 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
328 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
329 dramatically by his service with the Georgia House of Representatives; and

330 WHEREAS, a native of Byromville, Georgia, Representative James was elected to the
331 Georgia General Assembly in 1992 and served on the House Committees on Agriculture and
332 Consumer Affairs, Appropriations, Regulated Industries, and Retirement until his retirement
333 in 2012; and

334 WHEREAS, he graduated from Flint River Farm High School and earned a bachelor's degree
335 from Tuskegee University in Alabama; and

336 WHEREAS, he worked in the quality control division of Ford Motor Company, and his
337 leadership and guidance were instrumental to the Flag Bank Board of Directors, Flint River
338 Community Hospital Governing Board, Macon County Kiwanis, Georgia Agri-Leaders
339 Forum, Fort Valley State University Foundation Board, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.;

340 and

341 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Representative James is an active member of
342 Shade Arnold Baptist Church in Macon County; and

343 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Faye, for 46 wonderful
344 years and blessed with three amazing sons, Lynorris, Mack Carlton, and Jeffrey; seven
345 outstanding grandchildren; and three incredible great-grandchildren; and

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

348 **PART XVI**

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

352 WHEREAS, Mr. J. Marion Thomason was born in Toccoa, Georgia, on June 27, 1926, the
353 beloved son of Gartrell and Lou Ella Thomason; and

354 WHEREAS, a graduate of Toccoa High School, he served as a guardian of this nation's
355 freedom and liberty with the United States Army 8th Air Force, valiantly and courageously
356 defending America during World War II; and

357 WHEREAS, he earned a degree in civil engineering from Clemson Agricultural College and
358 began his distinguished career in the civil engineering program of the State Highway
359 Department; and

360 WHEREAS, after many years of service with the state, Mr. Thomason joined Tugalo
361 Construction Company, where he served as a partner until his retirement; and

362 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Thomason was an active member of First
363 Baptist Church of Toccoa, where he served as a deacon and participated in several mission
364 trips; and

365 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous organizations,
366 including the Lions Club, Stephens County Food Bank, Georgia Mountain Regional
367 Development Center, and Toccoa Masonic Lodge; and

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

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PART XVII

371 WHEREAS, Senator Edward H. Zipperer has long been recognized by the citizens of this
372 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
373 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

374 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
375 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
376 dramatically by his service with the Georgia Senate from 1967 to 1975; and

377 WHEREAS, while in the Georgia General Assembly, Senator Zipperer served on 13
378 committees and was instrumental in obtaining public recreational areas for Skidaway Island
379 State Park, Fort McAllister State Park, and King's Ferry Ogeechee River; and

380 WHEREAS, Senator Zipperer's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
381 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
382 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
383 associates; and

384 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
385 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

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PART XVIII

389 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most noble, patriotic, and
390 selfless citizens with the passing of Special Forces soldier Staff Sergeant Dustin Michael
391 Wright on October 4, 2017; and

392 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright was serving his third deployment in Niger when he lost
393 his life in the line of duty while on a Special Forces mission; and

394 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright of Lyons, Georgia, was 29 years old at the time of his
395 passing and a beloved son of Arnold Edgar "Ardie" Wright and Terri Trull Criscio; and

396 WHEREAS, he attended Georgia Southern University and Fayetteville State University and
397 was a partner of Southern Rain Control with Rick Grisham before taking over ownership of
398 the business; and

399 WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army in 2012 to continue his family's military
400 legacy, graduated from Advanced Individual Training, and completed Army Airborne School
401 training, the Special Operations Preparation Course, and the Special Forces Assessment and
402 Selection Course; and

403 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright earned the status of United States Army Special Forces
404 and was awarded the coveted Green Beret in 2014; and

405 WHEREAS, a compassionate and courageous man, Staff Sergeant Wright will long be
406 remembered for his love of family and friendship, fidelity to country and the Constitution,
407 and heroism in the face of enormous adversity; and

408 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
409 knowing him, his legacy will serve as an inspiration to countless men and women, and his
410 noble sacrifice resounds in history as a shining example of patriotism in defense of these
411 United States of America; and

412 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning
413 in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
414 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
415 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

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PART XIX

417 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy E. Herrington has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
418 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
419 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

420 WHEREAS, a native of Baxley, Georgia, Mr. Herrington graduated from Appling County
421 High School and Marsh Business College and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom
422 and liberty with the United States Air Force; and

423 WHEREAS, he served as the District 1 representative on the Georgia Department of
424 Transportation Board from 2005 to 2010 and was honored as Appling County Citizen of the
425 Year in 1981; and

426 WHEREAS, his leadership has been instrumental to numerous organizations, including
427 Appling County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Baxley State Bank Board of
428 Directors, Community Bank of Georgia Board of Directors, Baxley Kiwanis Club, Appling
429 County Industrial Development Authority, and Appling County Stockman's Association; and

430 WHEREAS, Mr. Herrington's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
431 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
432 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
433 associates; and

434 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
435 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

436 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
437 sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
438 dedicating a road in his honor.

439 **PART XX**

440 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
441 citizens with the passing of Mr. Milton Lonzo Priest on July 5, 1988; and

442 WHEREAS, a native of Ellijay, Georgia, Mr. Priest owned and operated the Priest Store at
443 the intersection of Georgia's State Route 136 and State Route 382; and

444 WHEREAS, a pillar of the Ellijay community, Mr. Priest helped run the local voting precinct
445 and helped drive school buses; and

446 WHEREAS, Mr. Priest was a mainstay of the community and played an instrumental role
447 in getting State Route 136 paved for the benefit of his neighbors and visitors to the area; and

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

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PART XXI

451 WHEREAS, Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this
452 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
453 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

454 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
455 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
456 dramatically by his superlative service to the City of Savannah; and

457 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams was born in Savannah on May 11, 1945, the beloved son of
458 Floyd "Pressboy" Adams, Sr., and Wilhelmina Anderson Adams; and

459 WHEREAS, he attended St. Anthony Catholic School, St. Pius X Catholic School, Brooklyn
460 College, and Armstrong State College; and

461 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams took over his family's printing business, The Herald of
462 Savannah, Inc., and became a master printer and professional photographer and served as the
463 *Herald of Savannah's* publisher and president, which is now known as *Savannah Herald*; and

464 WHEREAS, he was elected as District One alderman for the City of Savannah in 1982, a
465 position he held until 1991 when he was elected to serve as alderman-at-large for Post One;
466 and

467 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams was the first African American elected to a city-wide post in
468 Savannah and later made history again by being elected as the first African American mayor
469 for the city; and

470 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams' leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous
471 organizations, including the United Way, Private Industry Council, Georgia Black Elected
472 Officials Association, National Black Council of Local Elected Officials, Savannah's Printers
473 Association, Savannah's Photography Association, the Savannah Branch of the NAACP,
474 Cloverdale Civic Improvement Association, and Prince Hall Masons; and

475 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a Freedom
476 Fighter Award from the NAACP and 1996 Citizen of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,
477 Mu Phi Chapter; and

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

480 **PART XXII**

481 WHEREAS, Representative Paul Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
482 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
483 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

484 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
485 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
486 dramatically by his 18 years of superlative service with the Georgia House of
487 Representatives; and

488 WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Georgia Extension Service, Representative Smith
489 was elected to the Georgia General Assembly, where he served on the House Committees
490 on Appropriations, State Planning and Community Affairs, and Ways and Means; and

491 WHEREAS, he served as Secretary and Chairman of the House Committee on
492 Transportation, helping secure much needed funding for important transportation projects
493 for the northwest Georgia region; and

494 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the Rome Exchange
495 Club, where he has dedicated 63 years to assisting with the Coosa Valley Fair in Rome and
496 ensuring the event is a fun filled family event for all in attendance; and

497 WHEREAS, he has been recognized as Georgia Fairman of the Year for 2018 by the
498 Association of Agricultural Fairs; and

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

501 **PART XXIII**

502 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
503 liberty with the United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow
504 Americans during the Vietnam War; and

505 WHEREAS, a strong advocate for labor, Mr. Meyers was a member of the New York
506 Newspaper Printing Pressman's Union Local #2 for several decades before moving to
507 Savannah to continue his work, advocating on behalf of labor, income equality, civil rights,
508 and the environment; and

509 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Meyers helped organize the RUFFians, Retirees Unite for the
510 Future, an advocacy group of senior retirees, and served as the organization's president; and

511 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance to the RUFFians was invaluable, as he assisted the
512 group in staging information tables at events and organizing rallies, marches, and other direct
513 action initiatives in support of improving important social issues such as increased minimum
514 wage, expansion of Medicare and social security, tax reform, clean energy, and equal voting
515 rights; and

516 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
517 sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
518 dedicating a bridge in his honor.

519 **PART XXIV**

520 WHEREAS, South Georgia is one of the few areas remaining in the United States where
521 there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations;
522 and

523 WHEREAS, the promotion of agritourism represents a readily available and effective tool
524 with which to spur economic development; and

525 WHEREAS, the portions of highways to be included in the Georgia Grown Trail: 17 wind
526 through miles of family owned farms; pristine hunting plantations; u-pick farms, farm stands,
527 and hands-on educational farm experiences; farm-to-table restaurants and establishments
528 dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes, traditions, and crops and farming
529 techniques; and

530 WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being
531 through agritourism.

532

PART XXV

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

536 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment
537 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
538 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

539 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have
540 diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve
541 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

542 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation
543 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
544 United States; and

545 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
546 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
547 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored
548 appropriately.

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PART XXVI

550 WHEREAS, Representative "Doc" Gene Maddox has long been recognized by the citizens
551 of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
552 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

553 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
554 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
555 dramatically by his service with the Georgia House of Representatives for eight years as
556 representative for House District 172; and

557 WHEREAS, while in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Maddox served on the
558 House Committees on Health and Human Services, Economic Development and Tourism,
559 Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Retirement, and Human Relations and Aging and his

560 diligence and hard work were instrumental in the passage of the spay and neuter specialty
561 license plate and a bill to combat vicious dogs; and

562 WHEREAS, a graduate of Jackson High School, Representative Maddox attended Abraham
563 Baldwin College and graduated from the University of Georgia's School of Veterinary
564 Medicine; and

565 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including 2006
566 Veterinarian of the Year, 2009 University of Georgia Distinguished Alumni, 2010 Legislator
567 of the Year by the Georgia Firefighters Association, and a 2005 Community Service Award
568 from the Grady County Chamber of Commerce; and

569 WHEREAS, Representative Maddox's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
570 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
571 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
572 associates; and

573 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for
574 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

575 WHEREAS, Representative Maddox has been blessed with the love and support of his wife,
576 Patsy, and four sons, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and a third who was
577 called to Heaven, with two more great-grandchildren expected soon; and

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

580 **PART XXVII**

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

584 WHEREAS, SPC Jackie Marcell Morgan was born on March 6, 1941, and served as a
585 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces during the
586 Vietnam War; and

587 WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a
588 willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his
589 fellow man; and

590 WHEREAS, SPC Morgan gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and he embodied the
591 spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself; and

592 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifices of this remarkable and
593 distinguished American be honored appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

594 **PART XXVIII**

595 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
596 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the north and south interchanges of Interstate 85 at
597 Exit 94/Chamblee Tucker Road are dedicated as the Robert H. "Bob" Bell Interchanges.

598 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from
599 Interstate 75/State Route 401 to State Route 42 in Butts County is dedicated as the
600 Honorable William "Bill" Jones Highway.

601 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 88
602 within the City of Hephzibah in Richmond County is dedicated as the A. Frank Williams
603 Highway.

604 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange on Interstate 20 at
605 State Route 12/State Route 124/Turner Hill Road in DeKalb County is dedicated as the
606 Thurbert Baker Interchange.

607 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Historic US 441 in
608 Habersham County is dedicated as the Troy Simpson Memorial Bridge.

609 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 129 with
610 Westmoreland Road in White County is dedicated as the Horace Fitzpatrick Intersection.

611 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 20 from
612 Windermere Parkway in Forsyth County to Suwanee Dam Road in Gwinnett County is
613 dedicated as the Rudy Bowen Highway.

614 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 124 from State
615 Route 10/US 78 to GA 316 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the John D. Stephens
616 Highway.

617 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 347 from Interstate
618 985/GA 365 to McEver Road in Hall County is dedicated as the Virgil Williams Highway.

619 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 95 and
620 Exit 14 in Camden County is dedicated as the Army Captain Corry Paul Tyler Memorial
621 Interchange.

622 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 76 from
623 Ten Mile Creek Road to Giddens Road in Berrien County is dedicated as the Walter James
624 Gaskins Memorial Highway.

625 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Sybil Brannon Parkway
626 over Highway 278 in Polk County is dedicated as the Detective Kristen Snead Hearne
627 Memorial Bridge.

628 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 164 from
629 U.S. Route 441 to State Route 59 in Banks County is dedicated as the Hoyt Dean "Dink"
630 McCoy, Mayor "Emeritus" of Bushville, Memorial Highway.

631 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the one-mile portion of Highway 92
632 heading north from Due West Road in Paulding County is dedicated as the L. Douglas
633 Griffith Highway.

634 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 26 from
635 Flint River School Road to the Interstate 75 intersection in Macon County is dedicated as the
636 Lynmore James Highway.

637 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 17 from
638 GA 123 to Rose Lane in Stephens County is dedicated as the J. Marion Thomason Memorial
639 Highway.

640 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 204 at King
641 George Boulevard in Chatham County is dedicated as the Edward H. Zipperer Bridge.

642 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 4/US 1
643 through Toombs County is dedicated as the Staff Sergeant Dustin Michael Wright Memorial
644 Highway.

645 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 4/US 1
646 through Appling County is dedicated as the Roy E. Herrington Highway.

647 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 136
648 and State Route 382 in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Milton Lonzo Priest Memorial
649 Intersection.

650 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 516 over West
651 Bay Street in Chatham County is dedicated as the Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr., Bridge.

652 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Cedartown
653 Highway/US Highway 27 and the South Rome Bypass/State Route 746 in Floyd County is
654 dedicated as the Paul Smith Interchange.

655 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 204 over
656 Ogeechee Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Philly J. Meyers Bridge.

657 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 17 from
658 Kingsland at the Florida state line to Savannah at the South Carolina state line is dedicated
659 as the Georgia Grown Trail: 17.

660 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring
661 United States military veterans and dedicates the portion of U.S. Highway 280 from the
662 western city limit of Belleville in Evans County to the Tattnall County line as the Veterans
663 Memorial Highway.

664 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 112 within
665 Grady County is dedicated as the Representative "Doc" Gene Maddox Highway.

666 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 38 over
667 Woodyard Creek in Clinch County is dedicated as the Jackie Marcell Morgan Memorial
668 Bridge.

669 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
670 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
671 resolution.

672 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized to
673 correct any errors in the spelling of names included in this resolution without further action
674 from the General Assembly.

675 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
676 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
677 Transportation; to Robert H. "Bob" Bell, Honorable William "Bill" Jones,
678 Mr. A. Frank Williams, Attorney General Thurbert Baker, Mr. Rudy Bowen,
679 Mr. John D. Stephens, Mr. Virgil R. Williams; Mr. L. Douglas Griffith; Representative
680 Lynmore James; Senator Edward H. Zipperer; Mr. Roy E. Herrington; Representative Paul
681 Smith; and Representative "Doc" Gene Maddox; and to the families of Mr. Troy Simpson;
682 Mr. Horace Fitzpatrick; Captain Corry Paul Tyler; Mr. Walter James Gaskins; Detective
683 Kristen Snead Hearne; Mr. Hoyt Dean "Dink" McCoy; Mr. J. Marion Thomason; Staff
684 Sergeant Dustin Michael Wright; Mr. Milton Lonzo Priest; Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr.;
685 Mr. Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers; and SPC Jackie Marcell Morgan.