

House Resolution 346

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Hitchens of the 161st, Burns of the 159th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of Caitlyn Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach, and
2 Catherine McKay Pittman and dedicating a bridge in their memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the lives of five nursing students from Georgia Southern University, Caitlyn
4 Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach, and Catherine McKay Pittman, were
5 tragically cut short on Interstate 16 on April 22, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Caitlyn Baggett transferred to Georgia Southern University from East Georgia
7 State College, and this junior nursing student had a great love for children and planned to
8 work as a pediatric nurse; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Millen, Georgia, Caitlyn was known by many as a small town girl
10 with a big personality and was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Morgan Bass was from Leesburg, Georgia, and was a member of the Alpha
12 Omicron Pi Sorority; and

13 WHEREAS, a compassionate and kind young woman, Morgan planned on becoming a nurse
14 anesthetist and wanted to work with babies; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of Powder Springs, Georgia, Emily Clark graduated with honors from
16 Harrison High School, where she was a cheerleader and loved spending her free time
17 volunteering to help those less fortunate; and

18 WHEREAS, Emily maintained a 4.0 grade point average while at Georgia Southern
19 University, was on both the President's and Dean's lists, and was a member of the executive
20 council for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and

21 WHEREAS, Abbie Deloach was from Savannah, Georgia, and graduated from Savannah
22 Christian Preparatory School, where she earned varsity letters in basketball, volleyball, and
23 track; and

24 WHEREAS, while at Georgia Southern University, Abbie joined Kappa Delta Sorority as
25 a legacy, where her leadership skills shone as recommendation chairperson and a member
26 of the homecoming step team; and

27 WHEREAS, a junior from Alpharetta, Georgia, Catherine McKay Pittman graduated from
28 Milton High School, where she was an exemplary member of the school's soccer team; and

29 WHEREAS, Catherine was president of Alpha Delta Chi Sorority, was active in mission
30 work, and served as a student ambassador, hosting recruits and prospective students on
31 behalf of Georgia Southern University; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable Georgians be
33 recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their memory.

34 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
35 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the northern bridge on U.S. 280 over Interstate 16 at exit
36 143 in Bryan County is dedicated as the Georgia Southern Nursing Angels Memorial Bridge.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
38 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Georgia Southern Nursing
39 Angels Memorial Bridge.

40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
41 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
42 families of Caitlyn Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach, and Catherine
43 McKay Pittman and to the Department of Transportation.