

## House Resolution 532

By: Representatives Gardner of the 57<sup>th</sup> and Smyre of the 135<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron, also known as "Hammer" or "Hammerin' Hank,"  
4 was born on February 5, 1934, in Mobile, Alabama, as one of seven children in a modest  
5 family; and

6 WHEREAS, he went on to play 21 seasons for the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves in the National  
7 League of Major League Baseball and two seasons for the Milwaukee Brewers in the  
8 American League; and

9 WHEREAS, since his retirement, Hank Aaron has worked for the Atlanta Braves and, in  
10 1982, was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1999, Major League Baseball created the Hank Aaron Award to recognize  
12 top offensive players in the league; in 2002, Hank Aaron received the Presidential Medal of  
13 Freedom; and

14 WHEREAS, with his wife and fellow civic leader, Billye Suber, Hank Aaron created the  
15 Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation, which has sent more than 1,000 students to  
16 colleges like Morehouse College, Atlanta Technical College, Berry College, Clark Atlanta  
17 University, and Spelman College; and

18 WHEREAS, Morehouse School of Medicine has been a grateful recipient of the Aarons'  
19 generosity, including a \$3 million gift in 2015 to expand the Hugh M. Gloster Medical  
20 Education Building and create the Billye Suber Aaron Student Pavilion; and

21 WHEREAS, this iconic Atlantan has long served as a bridge to success, therefore it is  
22 abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized

23 appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor which will stand as a lasting tribute to the  
24 man, his legend, his legacy, and his unflagging dedication to the City of Atlanta and the  
25 Westside.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Lee Street over Interstate 20 in Fulton  
28 County is dedicated as the Hank Aaron Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Hank Aaron Bridge.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr.  
33 Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron and to the Department of Transportation.