

House Resolution 1268

By: Representatives Beasley-Teague of the 65th, Boddie of the 62nd, Thomas of the 56th, Robichaux of the 48th, Howard of the 124th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Honorable Emma Darnell and dedicating an interchange in her memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Emma Darnell has long been recognized by the citizens of this
4 state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Fulton County; and

6 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by her nearly 30 years of public service as a Fulton County Commissioner for
9 District 6; and

10 WHEREAS, Commissioner Darnell's legacy spans three decades of service to Fulton County
11 with her election in 1992 until her passing in 2019; and

12 WHEREAS, during her tenure with Fulton County, Commissioner Darnell served as a
13 champion of minorities, seniors, and the poor; and

14 WHEREAS, always passionate and often fiery, Commissioner Darnell played a key role in
15 helping transition the City of Atlanta from an all-white power structure to a predominately
16 black City Hall as a member of Mayor Sam Massell's administration; and

17 WHEREAS, she was the founding chair of the Woman's Advisory Council of Atlanta City
18 Government, which formed in the summer of 1973 after a special report made the now
19 widely accepted conclusion that discrimination based upon sex and gender does exist; and

20 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
21 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 85 with Interstate 285 in
24 Fulton County is dedicated as the Emma Darnell Memorial Interchange.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Emma Darnell Memorial
27 Interchange.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of the Honorable Emma Darnell and to the Department of Transportation.