

House Resolution 1328

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Kicklighter family and dedicating a bridge in their honor; and for other  
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Kicklighter family of Chatham County, Georgia, has a rich history and  
4 tradition of service to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Dean Kicklighter has been a servant to the City of Garden City as a member of  
6 the city council; and

7 WHEREAS, he was elected as one of the youngest mayors in the history of Garden City,  
8 with his election at the age of 28; and

9 WHEREAS, after helping grow the size of Garden City as mayor, Dean Kicklighter went on  
10 to serve as county commissioner for District 7 in Chatham County, where his leadership and  
11 foresight have continued to be invaluable for the past 19 years; and

12 WHEREAS, the Kicklighter family has owned a business in Garden City for over 50 years,  
13 which started with Bessie and Randall Kicklighter; and

14 WHEREAS, Bessie Kicklighter entered politics more than 16 years ago and currently serves  
15 as mayor pro tempore of the city council for Garden City; and

16 WHEREAS, in 1979, Randall Kicklighter opened Randall's Gym, where he helped train  
17 neighbors, football players, and even professional wrestlers; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
19 Georgian family be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the overpass bridge on 701 West Highway 80 in Chatham  
22 County is dedicated as the Kicklighter Overpass.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Kicklighter Overpass.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
26 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
27 Kicklighter family and to the Department of Transportation.