

House Resolution 1431

By: Representatives Frazier of the 126th, Bruce of the 61st, Dickerson of the 113th, Evans of the 83rd, and Smyre of the 135th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mayor Maggie Bell Cheatham Cartwright and dedicating a bridge in her honor;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Maggie Bell Cheatham Cartwright was born the fifth of ten children and
4 the youngest daughter born to David Cheatham and Mattie Rhodes Cheatham; and

5 WHEREAS, she attended elementary school in Keysville, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida;
6 high school in Delray, Florida; and Boggs Academy in Keysville, from which she graduated
7 in 1947; and

8 WHEREAS, after graduating from Boggs Academy, she enrolled at the Lamar Nursing
9 School University Hospital in Augusta, Georgia, and also attended Paine College where she
10 took basic science studies; and

11 WHEREAS, upon completing her training, she earned her license as a registered nurse and
12 enrolled in Nurse Anesthetist School of Flint Goodridge and Charity Hospital; she
13 successfully became a certified Nurse Anesthetist CRNA in 1958; and

14 WHEREAS, during Mayor Cartwright's 46 years of working in the field of medicine, she
15 worked Georgia, Louisiana, Missouri, and Illinois, where she practiced anesthesia for 36
16 years before retiring and returning to her hometown of Keysville in 1992; and

17 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she is a member of First Baptist Church of
18 Keysville and has worked as a Mother of the Church and a Sunday school teacher; and

19 WHEREAS, she was elected mayor of Keysville in 2005 and worked diligently toward her
20 goal of erecting the city's first "All Purpose Building" and Housing Complex; and

21 WHEREAS, she has given inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep
22 concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she has
23 demonstrated to her family and friends have been admired by others; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
25 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 88 over Brier Creek in Keysville,
28 Georgia, is dedicated as the Maggie Bell Cheatham Cartwright Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Maggie Bell Cheatham
31 Cartwright Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Maggie
34 Bell Cheatham Cartwright and to the Department of Transportation.