

House Resolution 1522

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Billy Burnette and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Billy Burnette was born on August 4, 1936, in Gilmer County, Georgia, the
4 third of six beloved children of Hub and Genevieve "Bill" Burnette; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gilmer High School, Mr. Burnette attended Young Harris College
6 before he was called to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
7 United States Army; and

8 WHEREAS, upon returning home from his tour in Germany, Mr. Burnette worked as a night
9 shift supervisor for the Pickens Footwear shoe plant in Jasper, Georgia, and worked on his
10 family farm during the day; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Burnette was a talented farmer and a lifetime member of the Future
12 Farmers of America, Young Farmer's Association, and Georgia Cattlemen's Association; and

13 WHEREAS, he was passionate about teaching the next generation the value of farming, often
14 lending aspiring farmers a hog or cow to show; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
16 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
18 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 515/State Route 5 over Talona
19 Road in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Billy Burnette Memorial Bridge.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
21 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Billy Burnette Memorial
22 Bridge.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 family of Mr. Billy Burnette and to the Department of Transportation.