

Senate Resolution 985

By: Senators James of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd, Lucas of the 26th, Jones of the 10th, Karinshak of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Senator Leroy Johnson and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Senator Leroy Johnson was a trailblazer, and his life's work demonstrated his
4 deep commitment to uplifting the lives of Georgians; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Atlanta University, Senator Johnson earned a law degree in North
6 Carolina; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Johnson was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1962 and was the
8 first African American elected to the upper chamber since Reconstruction; and

9 WHEREAS, during his 12 year tenure with the Senate, Senator Johnson worked quietly to
10 desegregate the Georgia Capitol and is credited with reviving Muhammad Ali's boxing career
11 after he was stripped of his license for refusing to comply with the military draft; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a true public servant who devoted his life to the betterment of Georgia
13 as an attorney, educator, and elected official; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator Johnson was recognized with numerous honors and accolades for his
15 many contributions, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia State Bar;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
18 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 70 from Camp Creek Parkway

21 to Campbellton Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the Leroy Johnson Memorial
22 Highway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Leroy Johnson Memorial
25 Highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
27 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
28 Senator Leroy Johnson and to the Department of Transportation.