

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 844:

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for an effective date; to
2 repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
5 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy Nicolas Blane Dixon on July 8, 2019;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Gainesville, Georgia, Deputy Dixon graduated from North Hall High
8 School and followed his lifelong dream to serve others as a law enforcement officer; and

9 WHEREAS, he served the Hall County Sheriff's Office Uniformed Patrol Division for three
10 years, where he had a well-earned reputation as a person of unquestioned integrity and
11 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

12 WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty after he made a vehicle stop
13 of a burglary suspect and was shot during a gun fight after the suspect fled on foot; and

14 WHEREAS, Deputy Dixon exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
15 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

16 WHEREAS, known as having a giant heart and generous spirit, Deputy Dixon was
17 passionate about his service as a police officer and was the embodiment of courage and
18 strength; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
20 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

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PART II

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Tom Price has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
23 role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
24 citizens of Georgia; and

25 WHEREAS, Dr. Price completed his residency in orthopaedic surgery at Emory University
26 in Atlanta, Georgia, and settled in the suburb of Roswell, Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, as a physician, he was one of the founders of Resurgens Orthopaedics and
28 served as president of the Roswell Rotary; and

29 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a member of the Georgia State Senate
30 from 1996 to 2005, where he was the first Republican after Reconstruction to hold the
31 position of majority party leader in the Senate; and

32 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
33 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
34 state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates as a member of
35 the United States House of Representatives from 2005 to 2017; and

36 WHEREAS, in 2017, Dr. Price was appointed as the United States Secretary of Health and
37 Human Services; and

38 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
39 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

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PART III

41 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Dr. Calvin
42 McLarin on August 29, 2019; and

43 WHEREAS, Dr. Calvin McLarin was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the youngest of five children
44 of George and Myrtis Young McLarin; and

45 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
46 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
47 family and friends were admired by others; and

48 WHEREAS, Dr. McLarin was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
49 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of
50 his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

51 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Dr. McLarin will long be remembered for
52 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal brother and friend will be missed by all who
53 had the great fortune of knowing him; and

54 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
55 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

56 **PART IV**

57 WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph "Sonny" Alexander Vickers was born in Valdosta, Georgia, to Jessie
58 Lee and Mattie Vickers; and

59 WHEREAS, as a young man, Mr. Vickers petitioned city leaders over his concern about long
60 wait times at the train crossing on West Hill Avenue in Valdosta that prevented citizens and
61 first responders from traveling between the west side of town and the downtown area; and

62 WHEREAS, Mr. Vickers' passion for advocacy and helping his neighbors continued with a
63 lifelong career in public service as a city councilman for Valdosta's District 3; and

64 WHEREAS, during his 32 year career as a councilmember, Mr. Vickers has been highly
65 regarded by the citizens of his community and by state and local government officials as a
66 person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to his community; and

67 WHEREAS, Valdosta citizens have experienced significant quality of life improvements
68 thanks to Mr. Vickers' leadership which includes initiatives for the installation of streetlights
69 and the establishment of a housing program; and

70 WHEREAS, he helped organize the Black Community Action Group, founded the Valdosta
71 Youth Voters League, served as chairperson for the Valdosta Housing Task Force, organized

72 the 3rd District Community Association, and served as vice president of the
73 Valdosta-Lowndes Chapter of Habitat for Humanity; and

74 WHEREAS, Mr. Vickers has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
75 including the Humanitarian Award from the Alpha Gamma Chapter of Omega Psi Phi
76 Fraternity, Appreciation Award and Macedonia Image Award from Macedonia First Baptist
77 Church, Humanitarian Award from the Valdosta-Lowndes County Dr. Martin Luther King,
78 Jr., Commemoration Association, and Award for Exemplary Community Service from the
79 100 Black Men of Valdosta; and

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

82 **PART V**

83 WHEREAS, Dr. Vivien Harmon has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
84 vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare
85 of the citizens of Georgia; and

86 WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon was born in Washington, Georgia, the beloved daughter of George
87 and Ida Mae Harmon; and

88 WHEREAS, a graduate of Booker T. Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia,
89 Dr. Harmon earned a bachelor's degree from Morris Brown College, where she was a
90 member of the prestigious Gamma Gamma chapter of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and

91 WHEREAS, she earned a doctorate degree from Atlanta University Center, during which
92 time she served on the Federal Advisory Council on Developing Institutions for the
93 Department of Health, Education, and Welfare; and

94 WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon began her prestigious career as an educator with the Atlanta Public
95 School System and Morris Brown College and founded the International Center for Child
96 Development in 1978 which operated for over 35 years; and

97 WHEREAS, Dr. Harmon was a tireless advocate for her community and for education,
98 serving as chair of NPU-S for nearly 20 years and as a founding member of the Southwest
99 Coalition of Concerned Citizens; and

100 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
101 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in her memory.

102 **PART VI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

120 **PART VII**

121 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
122 with the passing of Mr. Wesley Frank Weaver on January 22, 2019; and

123 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver was born on July 20, 1941, in Buena Vista, Georgia, and was
124 united in love and marriage for 54 wonderful years to Barbara Weaver; and

125 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver came from humble beginnings to become a community leader and
126 successful businessman; and

127 WHEREAS, he was the owner of Oakcrest Lumber, which was his passion in life; and

128 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
129 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
130 family and friends were admired by others; and

131 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Weaver was an active member of River
132 of Life Church; and

133 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
134 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he
135 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

138 **PART VIII**

139 WHEREAS, Mr. C. Arthur Howard, Jr., was born in Statesboro, Georgia, on August 18,
140 1941, the beloved son of Claude Arthur Howard, Sr., and Cecille Brannen Howard; and

141 WHEREAS, a Statesboro High School graduate, Mr. Howard attended the University of
142 Georgia and graduated from Georgia Southern College before joining his father in 1962 in
143 the family business, Claude Howard Lumber, a business that dates back to 1898 and which
144 continues to this date; and

145 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard married the love of his life, Carol Huggins Howard, in 1963, and
146 he and Carol lived a loving and happy life as husband and wife for 56 years until his passing
147 on April 29, 2019; and

148 WHEREAS, he was blessed with two remarkable sons, five fabulous grandchildren, and one
149 wonderful great-grandchild, all of whom, along with their community, witnessed Mr.
150 Howard's and Carol's Fruits of the Spirit that a lifetime commitment of love can bring; and

151 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard was a charter member of Pittman Park United Methodist Church,
152 serving as a faithful servant to his church, his fellowship Sunday school class, and God, all
153 by and through the power and strength that was given to him by God through Jesus Christ
154 and the Holy Spirit that dwelled within him; and

155 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard used the organizational and leadership talents and gifts given to
156 him by God to better his community and fellow man by serving on numerous community
157 boards that served several constituents in the Ogeechee River area, including, the Joseph
158 Home for Boys, the local hospital authority, and Ogeechee Area Hospice; and

159 WHEREAS, in recognition of Mr. Howard's contributions to his community, he was the
160 recipient of three Deen Day Smith Awards, Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 1988,
161 and Business Leader of the Year in 1995; and

162 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard loved and appreciated the beautiful creation of the outdoors given
163 by God, taking great pride in the stewardship obligations bestowed upon us and which were
164 particularly seen in his love for his family farm in Scarboro, Georgia, and family owned land
165 in Screven County, Georgia; and

166 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard was a dedicated and devoted son, husband, father, grandfather, and
167 friend who selflessly gave the best of himself to others and it is abundantly fitting and proper
168 that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating
169 a road in his memory.

170 **PART IX**

171 WHEREAS, Judge Albert W. Thompson, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of
172 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
173 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

174 WHEREAS, Judge Thompson earned his bachelor's degree from Savannah State College and
175 his Juris Doctorate from Howard University; and

176 WHEREAS, in 1951, Judge Thompson made history as the first African American admitted
177 to the bar in Columbus, Georgia, and in 1965 he became the first African American elected
178 to public office in Muscogee County and one of the first to desegregate the Georgia House
179 of Representatives; and

180 WHEREAS, this seven-term member of the House of Representatives also chaired the House
181 Committee on Special Judiciary, making him the first African American chairperson for the
182 Georgia General Assembly; and

183 WHEREAS, in 1980, he was appointed a superior court judge, and in 1991 he retired from
184 the bench as an administrative law judge with the State Board of Workers' Compensation;
185 and

186 WHEREAS, during his career on the bench, he earned a reputation as a clear thinker and
187 hard worker, as a man whose strong convictions were supported by meticulous research and
188 careful consideration, and as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed
189 by the rules of honesty and fair play; and

190 WHEREAS, Judge Thompson's leadership and wisdom were instrumental to numerous
191 service organizations and the Civil Rights Movement; and

192 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
193 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

194 **PART X**

195 WHEREAS, Congressman Jack T. Brinkley has long been recognized by the citizens of this
196 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
197 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

198 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
199 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
200 dramatically by his decades of public service; and

201 WHEREAS, a native of Decatur County, Georgia, Congressman Brinkley graduated from
202 Young Harris Jr. College and the University of Georgia; and

203 WHEREAS, Congressman Brinkley served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty
204 with the United States Air Force; and

205 WHEREAS, he was elected as a representative to the Georgia House of Representatives from
206 1965 to 1966 and represented the Georgians of the 3rd United States Congressional District
207 as a member of the United States House of Representatives from 1967 to 1983; and

208 WHEREAS, Congressman Brinkley's significant organizational and leadership talents, his
209 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs
210 of the citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
211 associates; and

212 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
213 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

214 **PART XI**

215 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Jimmy" Smith, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this
216 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
217 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

218 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
219 States Naval Reserve; and

220 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
221 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
222 dramatically by his superlative service as a county commissioner representing District 8 on
223 the Augusta-Richmond County Board of Commissioners; and

224 WHEREAS, during his two terms with the Augusta-Richmond County Board of
225 Commissioners he founded Pride and Progress, a program that has been instrumental in the
226 development and improvement in the quality of life for south Augusta by bringing businesses
227 to the area and promoting road projects; and

228 WHEREAS, he was the owner of Smitty's Auto and Smith Tire Company, both businesses
229 which continue to be led by third and fourth generations of the Smith family; and

230 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
231 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the

232 citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and
233 associates; and

234 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental in numerous community
235 and civic organizations, including the Augusta Automotive Service Association, Georgia
236 Automotive Service Association, University Hospital, Georgia Bank and Trust, Exchange
237 Club, and Rotary Club; and

238 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Smith is an active member of Hillcrest
239 Baptist Church, where he serves as a Sunday school teacher and deacon; and

240 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
241 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

242 **PART XII**

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

245 WHEREAS, she attended elementary school in Keysville, Georgia, and Jacksonville, Florida;
246 high school in Delray, Florida; and Boggs Academy in Keysville, from which she graduated
247 in 1947; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

266 **PART XIII**

267 WHEREAS, Ms. Jessye Norman was born on September 15, 1945, in Augusta, Georgia, the
268 beloved daughter of Janie King Norman and Silas Norman; and

269 WHEREAS, after graduating from Lucy C. Laney High School, Ms. Norman earned a
270 bachelor's degree from Howard University and a master's degree from the University of
271 Michigan; and

272 WHEREAS, a renowned opera singer, Ms. Norman performed *Deborah, L'Africaine, and Le*
273 *Nozze di Figaro* for the Deutsche Oper Berlin opera company; and

274 WHEREAS, in 1982, she performed *Oedipus Rex* and *Dido and Aeneas* with the Opera
275 Company of Philadelphia; and

276 WHEREAS, other notable performances include the 100th anniversary season with the
277 Metropolitan Opera and appearances with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and Lyric
278 Opera of Chicago; and

279 WHEREAS, in 2002, she established the Jessye Norman School of Arts, a tuition-free after
280 school arts program in Augusta; and

281 WHEREAS, her remarkable talents have been recognized with five Grammy Awards,
282 including a Lifetime Achievement Award; and

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

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PART XIV

286 WHEREAS, Mr. William "Billie" E. Clanton has long been recognized by the citizens of this
287 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
288 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

289 WHEREAS, a native of Jesup, Georgia, Mr. Clanton has consistently invested in the
290 community as a local business owner, and he has served as both president of the Wayne
291 County Chamber of Commerce and chairman of Jesup Centennial; and

292 WHEREAS, his work in and his dedication to his community have been recognized with
293 numerous accolades and awards, including the 2015 Distinguished Service Award from the
294 Wayne County Chamber of Commerce and induction into the Wayne County Hall of Fame;
295 and

296 WHEREAS, a Mason, Shriner, and Rotarian, Mr. Clanton's leadership and guidance are
297 instrumental to organizations such as Jesup Elks Lodge, the Liars Club, Jesup Kiwanis Club,
298 and First Southern Bank; and

299 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentleman has given inspiration to many through his high
300 ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and he possesses the vast wisdom
301 which only comes through experience; and

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

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PART XV

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

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

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

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

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

317 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
318 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

319 **PART XVI**

320 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
321 enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. Johnnie B. Hall on September 26, 2019; and

322 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was born on April 9, 1947, and was a well respected member of the
323 Dublin Police Department and the Georgia State Patrol; and

324 WHEREAS, he began his prestigious career in law enforcement as a Dublin Police Officer
325 before dedicating 31 years as a state patrol officer, where he protected important figures like
326 Muhammad Ali and Governor Roy Barnes; and

327 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and
328 by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
329 sound principles of law enforcement; and

330 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were recognized with numerous awards and
331 accolades and he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
332 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

333 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
334 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

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PART XVII

336 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
337 enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. Kipley Allen Brown; and

338 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown was born in Newburg, New York, and resided in Laurens County,
339 Georgia, for most of his life; and

340 WHEREAS, a graduate of Adrian High School, Mr. Brown served as a guardian of this
341 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army for nine years and served in the
342 Gulf War Operation Desert Storm; and

343 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown continued his service to others and protection of the public as a
344 deputy with the Laurens County Sheriff's Department; and

345 WHEREAS, during his career in law enforcement, Mr. Brown was highly regarded by the
346 citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of
347 unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

348 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were recognized with numerous awards and
349 accolades and he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
350 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

351 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
352 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

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PART XVIII

354 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Calhoun/Gordon County mourn the loss of one of their
355 most distinguished citizens with the passing of Johnny Meadows; and

356 WHEREAS, Johnny was long recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that
357 he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
358 the State of Georgia and the City of Calhoun; and

359 WHEREAS, he proudly served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
360 United States Marine Corps; and

361 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
362 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
363 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Calhoun City Council, mayor of
364 Calhoun, president of the Georgia Municipal Association from 1995 to 1996, and six-term
365 representative of the 5th District in the Georgia House of Representatives; and

366 WHEREAS, Johnny was devoted to improving the lives of young people by spending his
367 free time reading to first graders, developing the Calhoun Boys and Girls Club, and serving
368 as a founding member of Civic Leaders United Behind Youth (C.L.U.B.Y.), which raises
369 money for scholarships and Christmas funds for youth; and

370 WHEREAS, his strong desire to be involved in the future of his community led him to the
371 Georgia General Assembly, where he worked tirelessly for his beloved community and
372 served as chairman of the House Rules Committee; and

373 WHEREAS, Johnny's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
374 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
375 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates and truly defined the
376 meaning of public service; and

377 WHEREAS, Johnny greatly valued developing leadership skills in others and helped form
378 the inaugural Calhoun/Gordon County Chamber of Commerce leadership class, of which he
379 was a member; and

380 WHEREAS, his prowess and dedication to the game of golf allowed him many opportunities
381 for fellowship with others and led to the founding of the City of Calhoun's Fields Ferry Golf
382 Course; and

383 WHEREAS, his dedication to his community and state was surpassed only by his devotion
384 to his wife, Marie; his two remarkable children, B.J. and Missy; and his three wonderful
385 grandchildren, Will, Patrick, and Maxwell; and

386 WHEREAS, Johnny loved his grandchildren and enjoyed taking them out for breakfast every
387 Sunday morning before Sunday school at First Baptist Church; and

388 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Johnny will long be remembered for his
389 love of family, friendship, and public service and will be missed by all who had the great
390 fortune of knowing him; and

391 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
392 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

393 **PART XIX**

394 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
395 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
396 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

397 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
398 United States military, valiantly and courageously defending democracy during World War I;
399 and

400 WHEREAS, Mr. Evans demonstrated selfless service to this nation and an unyielding
401 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

402 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater
403 than himself; and

404 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
405 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

406 **PART XX**

407 WHEREAS, Major Henry Talmage Elrod was born in Turner County, Georgia, on
408 September 27, 1905; and

409 WHEREAS, he graduated from Thomasville High School, where he was a standout player
410 for the school's baseball and football teams, and went on to earn a position on the University
411 of Georgia football team; and

412 WHEREAS, Major Elrod enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1927, was appointed
413 to the rank of second lieutenant in 1931, and earned his wings as a naval aviator; and

414 WHEREAS, he earned the nickname "Hammerin' Hank," after he singlehandedly attacked 22
415 Japanese bomber planes and shot down two on December 12, 1941, just days after the attack
416 on Pearl Harbor; and

417 WHEREAS, Major Elrod was the first American to sink a Japanese warship from a fighter
418 aircraft when he dropped bombs on the destroyer, *Kisaragi*; and

419 WHEREAS, he lost his life during a battle on Wake Island shortly after crash landing there
420 and organizing a beach defense unit to push back the Japanese invasion; and

421 WHEREAS, Major Elrod was posthumously awarded a Medal of Honor, and a ship, the USS
422 *Elrod*, has been commissioned in his honor; and

423 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
424 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

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PART XXI

426 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
427 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
428 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

429 WHEREAS, veterans demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy
430 and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being
431 of their fellow man; and

432 WHEREAS, these brave men and women served as guardians of this nation's freedom and
433 liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in
434 order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

435 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation
436 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
437 United States; and

438 WHEREAS, these individuals embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
439 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the

440 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished
441 Americans be honored appropriately.

442 **PART XXII**

443 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
444 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 11/Cleveland Highway in Hall
445 County is dedicated as the Deputy Nicolas Blane Dixon Memorial Bridge.

446 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and
447 State Route 9/State Route 120 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Tom Price Intersection.

448 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on 17th Street over I-75
449 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Calvin McLarin Memorial Bridge.

450 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the overpass bridge on State
451 Route 38/U.S. 221 in Lowndes County is dedicated as the Joseph "Sonny" Vickers Overpass.

452 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 139 from
453 Campbellton Road to Donnelly Avenue in Fulton County is dedicated as the Vivien Harmon
454 Memorial Highway.

455 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the overpass bridge on 701 West
456 Highway 80 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Kicklighter Overpass.

457 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 41 from
458 mile marker 6 to mile marker 7 in Marion County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Wesley Frank
459 Weaver Memorial Mile.

460 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 17 from
461 Rocky Ford to Scarboro in Screven County is dedicated as the C. Arthur Howard, Jr.,
462 Highway.

463 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 85 over
464 Railroad Ave/Railroad Street in Muscogee County is dedicated as the Albert W. Thompson
465 Memorial Bridge.

466 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at the U.S. 80/State
467 Route 22 Connector in Muscogee County is dedicated as the Congressman Jack T. Brinkley
468 Memorial Interchange.

469 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Brown Road and
470 State Route 56 in Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated as the James "Jimmy" Smith, Jr.,
471 Intersection.

472 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 88 over
473 Brier Creek in Keysville, Georgia, is dedicated as the Maggie Bell Cheatham Cartwright
474 Bridge.

475 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange between Interstate 20
476 and Washington Road in Richmond County is dedicated as the Jessye Norman Memorial
477 Interchange.

478 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the overpass bridge at the overpass
479 on State Route 169 in Wayne County is dedicated as the William "Billie" E. Clanton Bridge.

480 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515/State
481 Route 5 over Talona Road in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Billy Burnette Memorial
482 Bridge.

483 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 338 over
484 I-16 near the city limits of Dudley in Laurens County is dedicated as the Johnnie B. Hall
485 Memorial Bridge.

486 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection between State Route
487 31/US 319/ US 441 and State Route 117/ US 441 Bypass in Laurens County is dedicated as
488 the Kipley "Kip" Allen Brown Memorial Intersection.

489 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 75 and
490 Union Grove in Gordon County is dedicated as the Johnny Meadows Memorial Interchange.

491 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 1 and
492 Veterans Memorial Highway in Floyd County is dedicated as the Carl Evans Memorial
493 Intersection.

494 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on SR 38/US 84 over SR
495 3/SR 300/US 19 in Thomas County is dedicated as the Major Henry Talmage Elrod Medal
496 of Honor Recipient Memorial Bridge.

497 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 93 between
498 1st and 2nd Avenue in the city limits of Cairo in Grady County is dedicated as the Veterans
499 Memorial Bridge.

500 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
501 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
502 resolution.

503 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
504 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
505 Transportation; to Maggie Bell Cheatham Cartwright, Dr. Tom Price, Mr. Joseph "Sonny"
506 Alexander Vickers, the Kicklighter family, Mr. James "Jimmy" Smith, Jr., and Mr. William
507 "Billie" E. Clanton; and to the families of Deputy Nicolas Blane Dixon, Dr. Calvin McLarin,
508 Dr. Vivien Harmon, Mr. Wesley Frank Weaver, Mr. C. Arthur Howard, Jr., Judge Albert W.
509 Thompson, Congressman Jack T. Brinkley, Ms. Jessye Norman, Mr. Billy Burnette, Mr.
510 Johnnie B. Hall, Mr. Kipley Allen Brown, Johnny Meadows, Mr. Carl Evans, and Major
511 Henry Talmage Elrod.

512 **PART XXIII**

513 That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon
514 its becoming law without such approval.

515 **PART XXIV**

516 That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.