

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HR 256:

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Sophia Ruth Fisher was born on May 11, 2000, in Tifton, Georgia, the  
4 fourth child following three brothers; and

5 WHEREAS, Ms. Fisher was a member of the Tift County Show Choir, served as dance  
6 captain for Ladies' Choice Show Choir, and was a member of the Tift County Swim Team,  
7 where she was known for her competitive spirit and as an encouraging teammate; and

8 WHEREAS, a young woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Fisher was an active member  
9 of Northside Baptist Church, serving in her youth group, on mission trips, and volunteering  
10 in various areas of ministry; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Fisher's life was tragically cut short on June 30, 2018, when she and her  
12 mother were struck by a vehicle while cycling on Willis Still Road; and

13 WHEREAS, her sassy, red-headed personality brought life and laughter to those around her,  
14 and her "Be Happy" mantra was evident in all her endeavors; and

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

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**PART II**

18 WHEREAS, Mr. John E. Brown has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
19 vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
20 citizens of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, a son of Walter and Margaret Brown, Mr. Brown emigrated to the United States  
22 from Ireland with his family to Chester County, South Carolina, when he was three years old;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, in 1780, Mr. Brown joined the South Carolina militia and fought at Rock Mount  
25 and the Battle of Hanging Rock; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Brown became a licensed Presbyterian  
27 minister in 1788; and

28 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
29 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
30 dramatically by his superlative service as the third president of the University of Georgia  
31 from 1811 to 1816; and

32 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the University of Georgia, Mr. Brown went on to  
33 serve as pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Hancock County and later served as pastor of the  
34 Presbyterian Church in Washington, Georgia, serving there until his move to Fort Gaines in  
35 Clay County; and

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

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**PART III**

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

42 WHEREAS, Sergeant Eddie Thomas Terry was born on July 2, 1947, in Manchester,  
43 Georgia, the beloved son of Emmitt "Embo" and Mary B. Terry; and

44 WHEREAS, a 1946 graduate of Meriwether County Training School, Sergeant Terry served  
45 as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, serving in the  
46 Vietnam War; and

47 WHEREAS, while a part of Company D 2nd Battalion 12 Calvary in Vietnam, Sergeant  
48 Terry perished when he dove into the waters of the San Rao Trach River in a heroic attempt  
49 to rescue one of his squad; and

50 WHEREAS, Sergeant Terry demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding  
51 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States in giving the ultimate  
52 sacrifice will be remembered always; and

53 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater  
54 than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
55 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

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**PART IV**

57 WHEREAS, Dr. Barbara Pulliam has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
58 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
59 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

60 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
61 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced  
62 dramatically by her superlative service with the Clayton County School District as  
63 superintendent since 2004; and

64 WHEREAS, Dr. Pulliam was the first female and first African American female to lead the  
65 Clayton County Public School District; and

66 WHEREAS, Dr. Pulliam's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable  
67 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the  
68 citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and  
69 associates; and

70 WHEREAS, in 2007, Dr. Pulliam was named Superintendent of the Year by the State of  
71 Georgia PTA; and

72 WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the  
73 Award for Positive Social Change in Education from the Fayette County NAACP, the 2007  
74 National Council of Negro Women's Highest Honor Award, the Grass Roots Award from the  
75 Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and National Superintendent of the Year in 2010  
76 from the National Association of Black School Educators; and

77 WHEREAS, in 2005, she won the Pinnacle Award from Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc.,  
78 an organization for which she is a Golden Life Member; and

79 WHEREAS, Dr. Pulliam's leadership has overseen the construction of four elementary, three  
80 middle, and two high schools that allowed students who were learning in trailers to move into  
81 school buildings with modern classrooms and the latest technology; and

82 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
83 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her honor.

84 **PART V**

85 WHEREAS, Mayor William "Pete" Bridges was born on August 4, 1941, in Tallapoosa,  
86 Georgia, the beloved son of Martha Mae Odom Bridges and Robert Franklin Bridges; and

87 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
88 the United States Army where he competed as a member of the U.S. Army Pistol Team,  
89 placing second overall in rapid fire; and

90 WHEREAS, he began his career in sales at Cannon Electric before moving to Boston  
91 Insulated Wire & Cable Company, where he was recognized with a Top Salesman Award  
92 and earned a fine reputation for his problem-solving and thoroughness; and

93 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Mayor Bridges moved to Tallapoosa and opened  
94 the West Georgia Golf Company in 1983; and

95 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
96 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced

97 dramatically by his superlative service for two terms on the Tallapoosa City Council and then  
98 as the longest serving mayor of the city; and

99 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges was a long-time member of the Tallapoosa Lion's Club and  
100 served as a representative for Tallapoosa residents with the Georgia Municipal Association  
101 as a member of the association's board of directors; and

102 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Bridges was an active member of Our  
103 Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Carrollton, Georgia; and

104 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges embodied the spirit of service and it is abundantly fitting and  
105 proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
106 dedicating a road in his memory.

107 **PART VI**

108 WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stands as one of the most prominent  
109 Georgians of the twentieth century; and

110 WHEREAS, Reverend King attended public school in Georgia, graduating from high school  
111 at the age of 15, and received his bachelor's degree in 1948 from Morehouse College; and

112 WHEREAS, after three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in  
113 Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of the senior class, he was awarded a divinity  
114 degree in 1951, and, with a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at  
115 Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving his  
116 doctoral degree in 1955; and

117 WHEREAS, in 1957, Reverend King was elected president of the Southern Christian  
118 Leadership Conference, and, in the 11 years between 1957 and 1968, he traveled over six  
119 million miles and spoke over 2,500 times in support of civil rights and wrote five books as  
120 well as numerous articles; and

121 WHEREAS, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of  
122 the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter  
123 from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States; and

124 WHEREAS, Reverend King also planned and participated in numerous protests and  
125 demonstrations for the cause of civil rights including the peaceful march on Washington,  
126 D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address at the  
127 Lincoln Memorial; and

128 WHEREAS, he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time*  
129 magazine in 1963; and, at the age of 35, was the youngest man to have been awarded the  
130 Nobel Peace Prize; and

131 WHEREAS, through his tireless work on behalf of civil rights for all people, he became not  
132 only the symbolic leader of African Americans in the United States but also a world figure  
133 in the fight for justice for all; and

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

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**PART VII**

137 WHEREAS, Deputy Emory A. Rowland was highly regarded by the citizens of his  
138 community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity  
139 and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

140 WHEREAS, Deputy Rowland diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of  
141 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
142 dramatically by his superlative service as a deputy in Johnson County; and

143 WHEREAS, Deputy Rowland led an exceptional career of public of service, always putting  
144 public safety and the citizens of Johnson County first, and his inspiring commitment to the  
145 welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement  
146 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

147 WHEREAS, Deputy Rowland exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service,  
148 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and  
149 it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be  
150 recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

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**PART VIII**

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

155 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment  
156 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort  
157 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and



158 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have  
159 diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve  
160 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

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

164 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something  
165 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
166 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored  
167 appropriately.

168 **PART IV**

169 WHEREAS, Deputy Marshall Samuel Ervin, Jr., graduated from East Paulding High School  
170 in 2002, where he met and fell in love with his wife Jodi; and

171 WHEREAS, he became a deputy with the Cobb County Sheriff's Office in 2012, where he  
172 was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government  
173 officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law  
174 enforcement; and

175 WHEREAS, Deputy Ervin's life was tragically cut short on September 8, 2022, leaving  
176 behind a family that adored him, including two daughters; and

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

180 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Ervin will long be remembered for  
181 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed  
182 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

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**PART X**

186 WHEREAS, Mr. E. Raybon Anderson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
187 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
188 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

189 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
190 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
191 dramatically by his superlative service to Bulloch County as member and former director of  
192 Statesboro Rotary Club and Forest Heights Country Club; and

193 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable  
194 patience and diplomacy, and his keen sense of vision were great assets in his service as  
195 chairman of the Bulloch County Hospital Authority and as director of First Bulloch Bank and  
196 Trust; and

197 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction on the Statesboro-Bulloch County  
198 Development Authority and the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce and during his  
199 tenure as Bulloch County Commissioner, the county hired its first county manager and voted  
200 for its first Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax; and

201 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including  
202 2008 *Statesboro Herald* Humanitarian of the Year, the Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind  
203 Award, and the 1995 Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the  
204 Year; and

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

207 **PART XI**

208 WHEREAS, Mr. Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans was born on March 22, 1945, a beloved son  
209 of Claude Jackson and Eunice Kennedy Evans; and

210 WHEREAS, he dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy toward his career as  
211 owner of Great South Harley-Davidson® in Newnan, Georgia, which opened its doors on  
212 May 4, 2007, and stands as one of the newest Harley-Davidson® dealerships in the  
213 Southeast; and

214 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and was blessed with  
215 three remarkable children, Sonya, Sherry, and Kevin; six wonderful grandchildren, Trenton,  
216 Tyler, Toby, Hunter, Kinsey, and Madison; and two outstanding great-grandchildren, Noah  
217 and Bentely; and

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

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

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

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## **PART XII**

227 WHEREAS, a long-time resident of DeKalb County, Senator Stephen B. Henson graduated  
228 from Henderson High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the  
229 University of Georgia; and

230 WHEREAS, Senator Henson began his career in public service and politics in 1986 when  
231 he was appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris to the Asbestos Licensing Board, where he  
232 served as chairperson from 1988 to 1990; and

233 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1990, ably and adeptly representing the  
234 citizens of the 55th Senate District until 1999 and serving as chairperson of the Senate  
235 Consumer Affairs Committee; and

236 WHEREAS, Senator Henson was elected to serve the 41st Senate District in 2002, serving  
237 until 2021 and holding such leadership positions as chairperson of the DeKalb Senate  
238 Delegation, Senate Democratic Whip, and Senate Minority Leader; and

239 WHEREAS, during his years with the Senate, Senator Henson earned a reputation for his  
240 significant organizational and leadership talents, where his remarkable patience and  
241 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state  
242 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

243 WHEREAS, his work in the Senate advocating for the environment, improving education,  
244 and promoting programs that assist persons with disabilities were recognized with awards  
245 and honors from organizations such as Common Cause, Technology Association of Georgia,  
246 Conservation Voters, and the Georgia Association of Educators; and

247 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
248 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

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### **PART XIII**

250 WHEREAS, Mr. Chester 'Coach' Forsh has been a pillar of the Douglas County community  
251 since the 1970s; and

252 WHEREAS, Mr. Forsh has served as an educator and athletics coach at Douglas County  
253 Comprehensive High School for 50 years; and

254 WHEREAS, he has inspired and guided young athletes in the sports of cross country, track  
255 and field, and basketball, with more than 100 of his student-athletes earning collegiate level  
256 athletic scholarships; and

257 WHEREAS, as head coach of Douglas County Comprehensive High School's girls basketball  
258 team, Mr. Forsh has amassed over 650 wins, an eight-year streak of more than 20 victories  
259 in a season, and 13 state championship appearances; and

260 WHEREAS, he established Douglas County Comprehensive High School's first girls cross  
261 country team in 1979 and was named Coach of the Year in track and field in 1975, 1976, and  
262 1987; and

263 WHEREAS, Mr. Forsh has been recognized twice as Douglas County Comprehensive High  
264 School's Teacher of the Year and has directed and organized events for the Special Olympics  
265 for over 30 years; and

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

268 **PART XIV**

269 WHEREAS, Mr. Sean P. Kornacki was a dedicated and faithful public servant whose life  
270 was tragically cut short in the line of duty as the District 6 highway maintenance foreman  
271 with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

272 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornacki diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
273 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
274 dramatically by his superlative service after numerous severe weather incidents in this state;  
275 and

276 WHEREAS, he played a vital role in recovery efforts in Georgia after Hurricane Michael in  
277 2018 and was known for his willingness to do whatever was necessary to ensure roads in this  
278 state were clear and safe for travel; and

279 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornacki obtained his commercial driver's license and completed tanker  
280 and hazmat endorsements; and

281 WHEREAS, he was known by his colleagues and others to be a very kind and generous  
282 person who was always willing to help and who never once hesitated when performing his  
283 job duties; and

284 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornacki served with honor and distinction with the Georgia Department  
285 of Transportation for both Walker and Chattooga counties and his unyielding commitment  
286 set the standard for public service; and

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

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#### **PART XV**

290 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
291 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Willis Still Road and Interstate 75 in Tift  
292 County is dedicated as the Sophia Ruth Fisher Interchange.

293 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 39 over  
294 Cemochechobee Creek in Clay County is dedicated as the John E. Brown Bridge.

295 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 190 over  
296 Lane Street in Meriwether County is dedicated as the Sergeant Eddie Thomas Terry  
297 Memorial Bridge.

298 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 138 from  
299 Tara Boulevard in Clayton County to Scarlett Drive in Clayton County is dedicated as the  
300 Dr. Barbara Pulliam Highway.

301 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 78 from the  
302 east boundary of the City of Tallapoosa to the west boundary of the City of Tallapoosa in  
303 Haralson County is dedicated as the Mayor William "Pete" Bridges Memorial Highway.

304 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Business Route  
305 10 within the city limits of Washington in Wilkes County is dedicated as the MLK Memorial  
306 Drive.

307 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 57 East  
308 from Mile Marker 15 to the Johnson/Emanuel County Line in Johnson County, Georgia, is  
309 dedicated as the Deputy Emory Rowland Memorial Highway.

310 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring  
311 military veterans and dedicates the SR 125 Bridge over Vanceville Road near the  
312 Berrien/Tift County line in Berrien County as the West Berrien Vietnam War Veterans  
313 Memorial Bridge and includes each of the following names: Scott Tucker, Homer Williams,  
314 Carroll Purvis, Jerry Castleberry, Darrell Danforth, Charles Nichols, Jimmy Grant, Roger  
315 Grant, Roger Walker, Johnny Gaskins, Dalton Purvis, Ralieggh Tyson, Dewayne Lovett, Ray  
316 Pearson, Fred Ivey, Larry Taylor, James Griffin, Clifton Bryan, Ottis Weeks, Larry Purvis,  
317 Howard Womack, and Thomas Lokey.

318 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Hiram Acworth  
319 Highway and East Paulding Drive in Paulding County is dedicated as the Deputy Marshall  
320 Samual Ervin Jr. Memorial Intersection.



321 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that State Route 46 from Highway 301  
322 South to State Route 67 South in Bulloch County is dedicated as the E. Raybon Anderson  
323 Highway.

324 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 16 and  
325 Newnan Crossing Bypass is dedicated as the Gene Evans Memorial Intersection.

326 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Highway 78 at  
327 Mountain Industrial Boulevard in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Senator Stephen B.  
328 Henson Interchange.

329 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 from  
330 Highway 78 to Interstate 20 in Douglas County is dedicated as the Coach Forsh Road.

331 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 193  
332 at Chamberlain Road in Walker County is dedicated as the Sean P. Kornacki Memorial  
333 Intersection.

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

337 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
338 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
339 Department of Transportation; to Dr. Barbara Pulliam; Senator Stephen B. Henson; and Mr.  
340 Chester 'Coach' Forsh; and to the families of Ms. Sophia Ruth Fisher; Mr. John E. Brown;  
341 Sergeant Eddie Thomas Terry; Mayor William "Pete" Bridges; Reverend Dr. Martin Luther

342 King, Jr.; Deputy Emory A. Rowland; Scott Tucker; Homer Williams; Carroll Purvis; Jerry  
343 Castleberry; Darrell Danforth; Charles Nichols; Jimmy Grant; Roger Grant; Roger Walker;  
344 Johnny Gaskins; Dalton Purvis; Ralieggh Tyson; Dewayne Lovett; Ray Pearson; Fred Ivey;  
345 Larry Taylor; James Griffin; Clifton Bryan; Ottis Weeks; Larry Purvis; Howard Womack;  
346 Thomas Lokey; Deputy Marshall Samual Ervin, Jr.; E. Raybon Anderson; Mr. Lamar Eugene  
347 "Gene" Evans; and Mr. Sean P. Kornacki.