

House Resolution 1298

By: Representatives Ridley of the 22nd, Byrd of the 20th, Thomas of the 21st, Parsons of the 44th, Jasperse of the 11th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins and dedicating an interchange in her memory;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins was born on April 27, 2002, in Marietta, Georgia, the
4 beloved daughter of Perry and Christy Atkins; and

5 WHEREAS, an exceptional athlete, Ms. Atkins graduated from Etowah High School and
6 continued her education at Georgia Highlands College, where she excelled academically,
7 graduating with a perfect 4.0 grade point average, earning repeated spots on the Dean's List,
8 and was a member of the prestigious Phi Theta Kappa honor society; and

9 WHEREAS, she graduated from dental hygienist school and was eagerly pursuing her
10 bachelor's degree in science, driven by her passion for helping others achieve better health
11 and confidence; and

12 WHEREAS, Ms. Atkins spent her time giving back to local charities and causes that uplifted
13 others in need, including Jamie's Hope, the Cherokee Humane Society, and Locks of Love;
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15 WHEREAS, she coached gymnastics to young children and touched the lives of many with
16 her smile that was like sunshine, instantly filling any room with warmth, joy, and positivity;
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18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this encouraging, kind, and selfless
19 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of Interstate 75 and State Route 92 in
22 Cherokee County is dedicated as the Cara Jaden Atkins Memorial Interchange.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Cara Jaden Atkins Memorial
25 Interchange.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Ms. Cara Jaden Atkins and the Department of Transportation.