

The Senate Transportation Committee offered the following substitute to SR 843:

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Bert Ward was born on May 30, 1922, in Catoosa County, Georgia, was
4 educated in the Catoosa County public school system, and graduated from Ringgold High
5 School; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
7 United States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during
8 World War II on the *USS Gillis* and the *USS Williamson* in the Pacific; and

9 WHEREAS, he sustained injuries during his service when his ship was torpedoed by
10 Japanese submarines in the North Pacific; and

11 WHEREAS, upon returning home after the war, Mr. Ward continued his public service as
12 Catoosa County Tax Commissioner, diligently and conscientiously devoting innumerable
13 hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state for
14 19 years; and

15 WHEREAS, he was elected to represent Catoosa County as a State Representative in the
16 Georgia General Assembly in 1967 and 1968; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward served as a judge in Catoosa County for several years before he was
18 elected to serve on the Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County; and

19 WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Ward was instrumental in
20 establishing procedures, policies, and rules and regulations of the board and helped in the
21 establishment of the county's 911 emergency response system and the naming of the Catoosa
22 Parkway; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
24 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
25 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
26 and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
28 service of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

29 **PART II**

30 WHEREAS, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., stands as one of the most prominent
31 Georgians of the 20th Century; and

32 WHEREAS, Rev. King attended public school in Georgia, graduating from high school at
33 the age of 15, and received his bachelor's degree in 1948 from Morehouse College; and

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

39 WHEREAS, in 1957, he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership
40 Conference, and, in the 11 years between 1957 and 1968, he traveled over 6 million miles
41 and spoke over 2,500 times in support of civil rights and wrote five books as well as
42 numerous articles; and

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

46 WHEREAS, he also planned and participated in numerous protests and demonstrations for
47 the cause of civil rights including the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000
48 people to whom he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address at the Lincoln Memorial;
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50 WHEREAS, he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time*
51 magazine in 1963; and, at the age of 35, was the youngest man to have been awarded the
52 Nobel Peace Prize; and

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

56 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate the entire length of Snapfinger Road in
57 DeKalb County from its intersection with Wesley Chapel Road to the Henry County line as
58 the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway as an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

59 **PART III**

60 WHEREAS, Roy Parrish was born in Walker County, Georgia, on November 29, 1933, one
61 of four children born to Roy E. Parrish, Sr., and the former Annie May Autry; the Parrish
62 family and the Autry family were pioneers to Walker County and have made this county their
63 homes since the eighteenth century; and

64 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish was educated in the City of Chickamauga School System and
65 graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1953; he started to work for the Chickamauga
66 Telephone Company while still in high school, and he remained in their employ for 19 years,
67 the last several as general manager; and

68 WHEREAS, he also served two years on active duty with the United States Army in Korea;
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70 WHEREAS, he was elected Sole Commissioner of Walker County in the Democratic
71 Primary of 1972 and took office January 1, 1973; he went on to serve six, four-year terms;
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73 WHEREAS, some of his major accomplishments include building the first sanitary landfill
74 in 1973 and operating it for 23 years; building and paving the county roads; passing the first
75 Local Option Sales Tax Referendum in 1977 that rolled back county property tax and for the
76 first time offered property tax relief to the local community; building the civic center,
77 pavilion, and the 911 Center; building a tunnel from the courthouse to the jail for security;
78 and building and operating an animal shelter, 16 fire stations, and 126 bridges; and

79 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish worked with Georgia Department of Transportation and the United
80 States Department of the Interior as well as the National Park Service and Congressman
81 Buddy Darden to get a better corridor through or around the Chickamauga Battlefield and
82 was largely responsible for getting the western route through Walker County established as
83 the relocated Highway 27 around the Chickamauga National Park; and

84 WHEREAS, he has been married to the former Cora Ann Kell, also a native of Walker
85 County, for more than 50 years, and they have two children, two grandchildren, and two
86 great-grandchildren; they live in the City of Chickamauga where they are active members
87 of the Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church; and

88 WHEREAS, he retired, undefeated, from public office in 1996 and now enjoys the freedom
89 of retirement; he and Cora Ann spend time traveling, enjoying their family, gardening, and
90 working in their church where Roy has recruited many of his friends; and

91 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to this life of public service be
92 established.

93 **PART IV**

94 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnny M. Hunt has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,
95 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,
96 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

97 WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt was born on July 17, 1952, in Lumberton, North Carolina, and is a
98 graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

99 WHEREAS, he has served as pastor of Longleaf Baptist Church in Wilmington, North
100 Carolina; Falls Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina; and Lavonia Baptist Church
101 in Mooresboro, North Carolina; and

102 WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt was called by the Lord in 1986 to lead the congregation of First
103 Baptist Church of Woodstock as the church's senior pastor; and

104 WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped First Baptist Church of Woodstock grow
105 in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a
106 spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

107 WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and
108 president of the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

109 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
110 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
111 humanitarian, Dr. Hunt serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

112 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Dr. Hunt is a source of strength
113 and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

114 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message
115 of peace and love be recognized.

116 **PART V**

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

120 WHEREAS, Korean War veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
121 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
122 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

123 WHEREAS, they served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and diligently and
124 conscientiously underwent intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with
125 honor and distinction during a time of war; and

126 WHEREAS, it is important that Korean War veterans are thanked for their selfless service
127 to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and
128 ideals of the United States; and

129 WHEREAS, Korean War veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
130 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
131 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished
132 Americans be honored appropriately.

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PART VI

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marines Corps; and

WHEREAS, he was born on January 31, 1990, in Trenton, Georgia, and graduated from Dade County High School, where he was known as a talented musician; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards was stationed in the Helmand province of Afghanistan when he was killed while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Williams was awarded a Rifle Expert Medal, an Afghanistan Campaign Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War Service Medal, a War on Terrorism Medal, and a Purple Heart; and

WHEREAS, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his wife Emily and his beautiful daughter Kayden Leigh; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Lance Corporal Richards' life of service to his country be established.

PART VII

WHEREAS, Mr. William G. Long has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Long diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service to the City of Woodstock as a city council member, a member of the Planning Commission, a city judge, and mayor over the course of 40 years; and

WHEREAS, first elected to serve the public in 1966 as a member of the Woodstock City Council, Mr. Long is one of Woodstock's most distinguished citizens and dedicated servants; and

161 WHEREAS, Mr. Long's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
162 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
163 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
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165 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
166 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

167 **PART VIII**

168 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
169 with the passing of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr.; and

170 WHEREAS, a graduate of Waynesboro High School, Mr. Lewis served as a guardian of this
171 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously
172 protecting America during the Korean War; and

173 WHEREAS, he trained at the United States Navy Submarine School, received a Bronze Star,
174 and attained the rank of captain; and

175 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree
176 in business administration and a law degree before he joined his father's legal practice, Lewis
177 & Lewis, where he practiced law for 30 years; and

178 WHEREAS, he served as juvenile court judge for more than 30 years and served the people
179 of Georgia as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives for six terms and the
180 Georgia Senate for one term; and

181 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Lewis was a Rotarian and served as president of the
182 Waynesboro Shrine Club and as a member of the Waynesboro Masonic Lodge, the American
183 Legion, and First United Methodist Church; and

184 WHEREAS, he left behind many who will cherish his memory, including his wife of 58
185 years, Katherine Honey Hill; four children, Preston Brooks Lewis III, Clifford Ellis Lewis,
186 Julian Carlton Lewis, and Katherine Virginia Lewis Jones; and 11 grandchildren; and

187 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Mr. Lewis' life of service
188 to this state be established.

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PART IX

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Deputy James D. Paugh on October 23, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, known by friends and family as "J.D.," Deputy Paugh was a dedicated deputy with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for 17 years; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh's life was tragically cut short after stopping behind a vehicle on Interstate Route 520 in Augusta-Richmond County when the occupant of the vehicle opened fire upon him; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers; and

WHEREAS, a native of Augusta, Georgia, Deputy Paugh was the beloved son of Wayne and Anita Paugh and father of Brandon; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was a dedicated public servant who will long be remembered for his courage and selflessness, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

PART X

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that:

- (1) The bridge on Catoosa Parkway over Tiger Creek in Catoosa County is dedicated as the Bert Ward Memorial Bridge;
- (2) The entire length of Snapfinger Road in DeKalb County from its intersection with Wesley Chapel Road to the Henry County line is dedicated as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway;
- (3) This body desires to honor Roy Parrish by renaming the portion of US 27/SR 1 from the city limits of Fort Oglethorpe south to Shields Crossing as the Roy Parrish Parkway;

- 218 (4) The portion of State Route 92 in Cherokee County from Neese Road to Trickum
219 Road is dedicated as the Johnny Hunt Highway;
- 220 (5) This body hereby joins in honoring veterans of the Korean War and dedicates
221 Interstate 59 in Dade County from the Alabama state line to the interchange with I-24 as
222 the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway;
- 223 (6) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Marine Lance Corporal
224 William Taylor Richards and dedicates the portion of Highway 11 in Dade County from
225 the Alabama state line to the Tennessee state line as the Lance Corporal William Taylor
226 Richards Memorial Highway;
- 227 (7) The interchange at Interstate 575 and Ridgewalk Parkway in the City of Woodstock
228 is dedicated as the William G. Long Interchange at Ridgewalk Parkway;
- 229 (8) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr.,
230 and dedicates the portion of U.S. Highway 25N from Waynesboro to Walnut Branch as
231 the Preston B. Lewis, Jr., Memorial Highway;
- 232 (9) The portion of Interstate Route 520 in Richmond County from Exit 2 (Wrightsboro
233 Road) to Exit 3 (Gordon Highway) is dedicated as the Deputy James D. Paugh Memorial
234 Highway;
- 235 (10) The Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain
236 appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution; and
- 237 (11) The Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies
238 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, the family of Mr. Bert Ward, the
239 family of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the family of Roy Parrish, Jr., the family of Dr.
240 Johnny M. Hunt, and the family of Marine Lance Corporal William Tyler Richards, the
241 Honorable William G. Long, the family of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr., and the family of
242 Deputy James D. Paugh.