

Senate Resolution 441

By: Senator James of the 35th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Ms. Gladys Maria Knight and dedicating a road in her honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Gladys Maria Knight was born on May 28, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia, the
4 beloved daughter of Sarah Elizabeth and Merald Woodlow Knight, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, known as the "Empress of Soul," Ms. Knight is a world renown recording artist,
6 songwriter, businesswoman, humanitarian, and author; and

7 WHEREAS, her group, Gladys Knight & the Pips, was known for its award winning motown
8 sound and R&B with hits such as "I Heard It Through the Grapevine," "Neither One of Us
9 (Wants to Be the First to Say Goodbye)," "Midnight Train to Georgia," and "You're the Best
10 Thing That Ever Happened to Me"; and

11 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight's Grammy Award winning performances include "That's What
12 Friends Are For," "Superwoman," "Missing You," and "Heaven Help Us All"; and

13 WHEREAS, she earned the title of Best Traditional R&B Vocal Album from the Grammy's
14 for her work on *At Last* and Best Gospel Choir or Chorus Album for *One Voice*; and

15 WHEREAS, in addition to her amazing musical talent, Ms. Knight is a talented actress,
16 earning a Golden Globe Best New Actress nomination for her role in *Pipe Dreams*; and

17 WHEREAS, Ms. Knight has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
18 including an *Essence* award for Career Achievement, Trumpet Awards Foundation Pinnacle
19 Award, BET Lifetime Achievement Award, NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Jazz
20 Artist, and Soul Train Music Awards Lifetime Achievement Award; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
22 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her honor.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that State Route 9 in Fulton County from its intersection with
25 Peachtree Street to 14th Street is dedicated as the Gladys Knight Highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Gladys Knight Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Ms. Gladys Maria
30 Knight and to the Department of Transportation.