

House Resolution 1531

By: Representatives Fincher of the 23rd, Jasperse of the 11th, Thomas of the 21st, Ridley of the 22nd, Scoggins of the 14th, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of the Honorable Mandi Lia Ballinger and dedicating an interchange in her
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Mandi Lia Ballinger has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Ballinger was born on April 14, 1975, and grew up in Forsyth
7 County, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, she served as a victim advocate with the district attorney's offices in Cherokee
9 and Forsyth counties before founding and directing the Child Advocacy Center; and

10 WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 2012, representing
11 the citizens of the 23rd District and was a tireless advocate for justice, children, and survivors
12 of domestic violence and served as chairperson of the House Judiciary Juvenile Committee;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, during her tenure with the General Assembly, Representative Ballinger
15 championed legislation to protect domestic violence survivors, combat child abuse, and
16 reform the juvenile justice system; and

17 WHEREAS, Representative Ballinger was a staunch advocate for the Second Amendment,
18 which was recognized with commendations, including the prestigious Defender of Freedom
19 Award from the National Rifle Association and Legislator of the Year from Georgia Carry;
20 and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of I-575 and State Route 5/Riverstone
25 Parkway in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Representative Mandi L. Ballinger
26 Memorial Interchange.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Representative Mandi L.
29 Ballinger Memorial Interchange.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of the Honorable Mandi Lia Ballinger and the Department of Transportation.