

Senate Resolution 70

By: Senators Ragan of the 11th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Bill Stanfill Highway; designating the Virgil Bledsoe Highway; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, the legendary football star Bill Stanfill is well known to many Georgians and brought fame and honor to his native community of Cairo and to Grady County; and

WHEREAS, he was a three-sport star who excelled in football, basketball, and track at Cairo High School; became Georgia's first and only winner of the Outland Trophy in 1968; was inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1998; and was inducted into the Georgia Circle of Honor on September 1, 2000; and

WHEREAS, during his career with the Miami Dolphins, he was named All-Pro four times and was a starter on the 1972 and 1973 Super Bowl championship teams; and

WHEREAS, his tremendous athletic ability and record accomplishments have been surpassed only by his genuine respect for others and his public service, and it is fitting that this great Georgian who has inspired countless youth and contributed substantially to his community be properly remembered and honored.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Highway 84 in Grady County be designated as the Bill Stanfill Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating such highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Bill Stanfill and to the Department of Transportation.

PART II

WHEREAS, Virgil Bledsoe served Heard County as Sheriff for 32 years from 1948 through 1980; and

WHEREAS, Governor Ernest Vandiver appointed him to the Board of Public Safety and he continued to serve in that capacity under Governor Carl Sanders and Governor Lester Maddox; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Georgia Sheriff's Retirement Board and served for eight years; and

WHEREAS, for six years he served on the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; and

WHEREAS, he was a charter member of the Georgia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch; and

WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the contributions of Virgil Bledsoe to Heard County as Sheriff and to law enforcement in the State of Georgia be recognized and remembered.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Georgia Highway 34 from the city limits of Franklin, Georgia, to the Heard-Coweta County Line is hereby designated as the "Virgil Bledsoe Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating the highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Virgil Bledsoe and to the Department of Transportation.