

Senate Resolution 343

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, PFC Samuel Stephens Lance was born to Sam and Virginia Jo Lance on
4 November 24, 1949, in Fort Payne, Alabama; and

5 WHEREAS, he was assigned to A Company, 1st Battalion, 506th Infantry, 101st Airborne
6 Division and died in Vietnam on May 1, 1970, while serving his country; and

7 WHEREAS, Steve attended Gordon Lee High School in Chickamauga, Georgia, where he
8 played football and basketball in his senior year; and

9 WHEREAS, he received the Coaches "Max Smith Award" for his skill at baseball; and

10 WHEREAS, he attended Fellowship Baptist Church in Chickamauga, and loved to go fishing
11 and hunting whenever he could; and

12 WHEREAS, Steve had three sisters, Jennifer Tarvin, Cynthia Lance, and Bridgett Barrett;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, because his father died three years before him, Steve became the man of the
15 family at a young age and took good care of his mother and sisters before he went into
16 military service; and

17 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this hero who made the
18 ultimate sacrifice to protect our freedom be established.

PART II

WHEREAS, in 1887, Charles Lafayette Stapleton, Charlie Will Stapleton's father, settled on farmland bordering Bear Creek and reared 11 children; and

WHEREAS, in 1938, Charlie Will bought adjacent farmland that surrounds the present bridge site over Bear Creek; and

WHEREAS, he lived on and farmed this land for his entire life, and the land is still owned and farmed by his great-nephew; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding man be established.

PART III

WHEREAS, Luther H. Story was a soldier in the United States Army during the Korean War, and he posthumously received the Congressional Medal of Honor for his actions on September 1, 1950; and

WHEREAS, he was born on July 20, 1931, in Buena Vista, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1950, PFC Story distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action; and

WHEREAS, during a savage daylight attack that penetrated the thinly held lines of the 9th Infantry, PFC Story, a weapons squad leader, observed a large group of the enemy crossing the river to attack Company A; and seizing a machine gun from his wounded gunner, he placed deadly fire on the hostile column, killing or wounding an estimated 100 enemy soldiers; and

WHEREAS, facing certain encirclement, the company commander ordered a withdrawal; during the move, PFC Story noticed the approach of an enemy truck, and after alerting his comrades to take cover, he fearlessly stood in the middle of the road, throwing grenades into the truck; and

WHEREAS, during the withdrawal, the company was attacked by such superior numbers that it was forced to deploy in a rice field, and PFC Story was wounded in this action but,

46 disregarding his wounds, rallied the men about him and repelled the attack; when last seen,
47 he was firing every weapon available and fighting off another hostile assault; and

48 WHEREAS, PFC Story's extraordinary heroism, aggressive leadership, and supreme
49 devotion to duty reflect the highest credit upon himself and were in keeping with the
50 esteemed traditions of the military service.

51 **PART IV**

52 WHEREAS, although he considered himself an Atlanta native, Forrest Laughlin Adair II
53 was born in 1941 in Birmingham, Alabama; and

54 WHEREAS, after graduating from Riverside Military School, he attended Georgia Tech and
55 later graduated from Georgia State with a business degree in real estate; and

56 WHEREAS, Forrest did not accept Jack Adair's offer of employment in the family business,
57 Adair Realty; instead, he felt compelled to be responsible for his own destiny, so he joined
58 The First National Bank of Atlanta in 1962; and

59 WHEREAS, but real estate was his true calling, so in 1982, he partnered with Virgil and Jim
60 Williams to form Williams Adair Equity Corp. and later, Williams Adair Realty Corp.; and

61 WHEREAS, over the next several decades, he directed the construction, purchase, and sale
62 of over one million square feet of diversified product, including office parks, strip shopping
63 centers, and mid-rise suburban office buildings; and

64 WHEREAS, he was always concerned with the impact of real estate on the community, as
65 evidenced by his participation in civic organizations, such as The Gwinnett Council for
66 Quality Growth - Past President, The Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, The Evermore CID,
67 NAIOP, the Commercial Board of Realtors, and others too numerous to name; and

68 WHEREAS, real estate was in his blood; Forrest Laughlin Adair II was the 4th generation
69 of an Atlanta real estate family, and his great-great-grandfather, Colonel George Adair, was
70 commonly referred to as the Father of Atlanta for his work rebuilding Atlanta after the Civil
71 War; Colonel Adair's motto was, "To be reliable is a fortune"; and

72 WHEREAS, Forrest's legacy is visible throughout Gwinnett County; he had a hand in all
73 types of projects, including apartments, office buildings, office parks, and shopping centers;

74 but land development projects were his favorite, as evidenced by his ATM pin number
75 "DIRT"; and

76 WHEREAS, walking a property in consideration of future development was his favorite real
77 estate activity; however, his most important legacy was the development of young men; and

78 WHEREAS, he was keenly aware of the challenges that face today's youth, and he believed
79 in building character in young men through the lessons and challenges of youth sports; he
80 coached baseball and football for over 30 years, and although some teams included his sons,
81 most of his time was spent pro bono for the children of others; he was known for
82 chauffeuring boys whose parents could not provide transportation and for building
83 self-confidence and teaching accountability; and

84 WHEREAS, he loved real estate, but his true legacy can be seen in the faces of all he
85 touched, and it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this life well lived be
86 established.

87 **PART V**

88 WHEREAS, William Austin Atkins, Sr., born in Tate, Georgia, on August 16, 1933, to
89 Austin and Gladys Atkins, has been recognized in the 24th Edition of Who's Who in the
90 World as worthy of recognition along with notable leaders and achievers from all walks of
91 life, whose contributions have made a lasting impact on the political, cultural, business, and
92 academic frameworks of America and the world; and

93 WHEREAS, this esteemed member of the House of Representatives from 1982 to 1994
94 served his constituents well as a member of the Appropriations, Regulated Beverages, and
95 Industry Committees; and

96 WHEREAS, his bachelor of science degree in pharmacy from Mercer University was of
97 great use to him as the Director of the Drugs and Narcotics Agency of the State of Georgia,
98 a position which he retired from in 2008; and

99 WHEREAS, Mr. Atkins possesses a wide range of talents and abilities which include being
100 lead vocalist of the Bill Atkins Band; and

101 WHEREAS, this devoted husband and father of two children and two stepchildren still finds
102 time to be involved in his community through his service to the First United Methodist

103 Church on the administrative board, to Mercer University School of Pharmacy on the board
104 of directors, Brawner Hospital on the governing board, and Smyrna Hospital on the
105 long-range planning board; and

106 WHEREAS, he honorably served his country in the United States Army Medical Service
107 Corps from 1955 to 1957; and

108 WHEREAS, others have recognized his talents and contributions by honoring him with
109 awards such as the Smyrna/Oakdale Moose Lodge in 1993 with the "Mr. Cobb County"
110 award; the Cobb County Clean Commission in 1992 with the "One of a Kind Award"; Cobb
111 County in 1992 with the Statesman of the Year award; American Cancer Society in 1991
112 with the Recipient Appreciation plaque; Personal Care Homes of Georgia in 1991 with the
113 Legislator of the Year Friendship Award; and the Cobb County Bar Association in 1991 with
114 the Liberty Bell Award; and

115 WHEREAS, in addition to the Pharmacist of the Year in Georgia award he received from Phi
116 Delta Chi in 1978, he has also received numerous awards throughout the years for his
117 dedication and service to the pharmacy profession; and

118 WHEREAS, Bill Atkins is a shining example of the important impact that the efforts of one
119 individual can have on the citizens of his community, his state, his country, and even the
120 world, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that his superlative accomplishments be
121 recognized by the dedication of a bridge in his name in honor of his accomplishments.

122 **PART VI**

123 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
124 with the passing of William Travis Duke of Mableton; and

125 WHEREAS, he served as a State Representative, 1971-1975; was active in local and state
126 politics for over 30 years; and was one of the first Republicans elected in Cobb County; and

127 WHEREAS, a man of conviction and purpose, he was a member and/or officer of myriad
128 community service boards, including the Cobb County Chamber of Commerce,
129 Cobb-Marietta Coliseum and Exhibit Hall Authority, Mable House, Cobb County Boys Club,
130 Open Gate Children's Shelter, Department of Family and Children Services, Georgian Club,
131 Cobb-Marietta Museum, Salvation Army, and the Jaycees; and

132 WHEREAS, William was united in love and marriage to Betty and was blessed with two
133 remarkable children, Jennifer and Derek, and three wonderful grandchildren; and

134 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
135 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
136 family and friends were admired by others; and

137 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
138 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
139 made this world a better place in which to live; and

140 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, William Travis Duke will long be
141 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal public servant and advocate
142 for his community will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him, and it is
143 only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to his life be established.

144 **PART VII**

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

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

153 WHEREAS, he also served two years on active duty with the United States Army in Korea;
154 and

155 WHEREAS, he was elected Sole Commissioner of Walker County in the Democratic
156 Primary of 1972 and took office January 1, 1973; he went on to serve six four-year terms;
157 and

158 WHEREAS, some of his major accomplishments include building the first sanitary landfill
159 in 1973 and operating it for 23 years; building and paving the county roads; passing the first
160 Local Option Sales Tax Referendum in 1977 that rolled back county property tax and for the

161 first time offered property tax relief to the local community; building the civic center,
162 pavilion, and the 911 Center; building a tunnel from the courthouse to the jail for security;
163 building and operating an animal shelter, 16 fire stations, and 126 bridges; and

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

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

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

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

178 **PART VIII**

179 WHEREAS, Floyd C. and Mary McCants Jarrell gave a lifetime of service to the people of
180 Taylor County, Georgia, and had a long string of achievements and contributions to their
181 community; and

182 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the lives of service of Floyd C. and Mary
183 McCants Jarrell be honored with a lasting memorial.

184 **PART VIII-A**

185 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 traverses the entire western length of Georgia and is
186 approximately 352 miles long; and

187 WHEREAS, the highway connects 18 diverse counties in the common cause of economic
188 development and regionalism; and

189 WHEREAS, the state and federal government invested billions of dollars in constructing
190 U.S. Highway 27 and, by supporting travel and tourism investment along the corridor, the
191 state will be increasing the taxpayers' return on investment; and

192 WHEREAS, promoting tourism along U.S. Highway 27 supports efforts to dismantle
193 persistent poverty in Georgia as seven of the 18 counties along the highway are classified by
194 the University of Georgia as "counties with persistent poverty"; and

195 WHEREAS, the activities around the promotion of U.S. Highway 27 can serve as a
196 sustainable model for other corridor tourism and economic development efforts in Georgia;
197 and

198 WHEREAS, U.S. Highway 27 offers an attractive, alternate north-south transportation route
199 with authentic Georgia cultural heritage and scenic resources.

200 **PART VIII-B**

201 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia recently lost one of her most distinguished public servants,
202 innovative legal minds, and civil rights advocate with the passing of the Honorable John H.
203 Ruffin, Jr.; and

204 WHEREAS, Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., became the 62nd Judge of the Court of Appeals of
205 Georgia when he was administered the oath of office by Governor Zell Miller on August 24,
206 1994, after 33 years of practicing law and serving on the superior court bench; and

207 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin was born and reared in Waynesboro, Burke County, Georgia, the
208 son of John H. Ruffin, Sr., and Anna Davis Ruffin, and he was a graduate of Waynesboro
209 High and Industrial School, Morehouse College, and Howard University School of Law in
210 Washington, D.C.; and

211 WHEREAS, he was admitted to the Georgia Bar on July 5, 1961; and

212 WHEREAS, he was appointed a Superior Court Judge of the Augusta Judicial Circuit in
213 1986 by Governor Joe Frank Harris and he continued to serve as a superior court judge until
214 his appointment to the Court of Appeals; and

215 WHEREAS, in addition to being the first African American Superior Court Judge for the
216 Augusta Judicial Circuit, Judge Ruffin was also the first African American member of the

217 Augusta Bar Association, and the third African American and first African American Chief
218 Judge to serve on the Court of Appeals of Georgia; and

219 WHEREAS, in addition to his membership in the State Bar of Georgia, Judge Ruffin was a
220 member of the bars of the Supreme Court of Georgia, United States Supreme Court, United
221 States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit, and United States District Courts for the
222 Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia; and

223 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin had many professional, civic and religious affiliations, including:
224 Council of Superior Court Judges of Georgia; Council of Juvenile Court Judges of Georgia;
225 Tenth Judicial Administrative District; Chairman, Board of Trustees, Institute of Continuing
226 Judicial Education; Georgia Commission on Gender Bias; Court Reform Committee,
227 Governor's Conference on Justice in Georgia; Georgia Association of Criminal Defense
228 Lawyers; Georgia Advisory Council to the Legal Services Program; Judicial Nominating
229 Commission; Georgia Conference of Black Lawyers, Inc.; State Bar Judicial Compensation
230 Committee; American Judicature Society; National Bar Association; American Bar
231 Association; Augusta Bar Association; and the Atlanta Bar Association; and

232 WHEREAS, he was elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of Superior Court Judges and
233 was on track to become the first African American to serve as President of the Council of
234 Superior Court Judges of Georgia prior to his appointment to the Court of Appeals; and

235 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin and his beautiful wife, Judith, had one son, Brinkley, and two
236 grandsons, Bryson and Myles; and

237 WHEREAS, Judge Ruffin and his family are members of the Tabernacle Baptist Church in
238 Augusta; and

239 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to the life and outstanding
240 career of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., be established.

241 **PART VIII-C**

242 WHEREAS, Kermit Yates was a prominent citizen of the City of Cobbtown in Tattnall
243 County, Georgia; and

244 WHEREAS, Mr. Yates moved to the City of Cobbtown in the 1930s and departed this life
245 on October 26, 1995, after a long career as a mechanic and noted member of the Cobbtown
246 community; and

247 WHEREAS, he was the mayor of Cobbtown for many years; he was in charge of the city's
248 water department and was one of the founders of the water system; and

249 WHEREAS, he was also very active in the Sunlight Primitive Church, where he served as
250 a deacon and was also the caretaker for the church cemetery; and

251 WHEREAS, since Mr. Yates was a mechanic, he kept everyone "running" by working on
252 cars, trucks, and tractors; and

253 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding public
254 servant and community leader be established.

255 **PART VIII-D**

256 WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy (Lou) Chastain was a retired employee of the Georgia Department
257 of Transportation where he was the District Engineer, covering Pickens, Cherokee, Gilmer
258 and Fannin Counties; and

259 WHEREAS, he was born in 1957 and was only 53 years of age when he passed away on
260 April 20, 2010; and

261 WHEREAS, his friends and colleagues remembered Lou's life with comments like: "He was
262 a man of his word," "He noticed everyone and gave them importance," "He was honest," and
263 "He always spoke the truth."; and

264 WHEREAS, two of his favorite sayings were, "The truth will stand when the world is on
265 fire," and "When you're telling the truth, you can talk as loud as you want."; and

266 WHEREAS, he was a man who did not judge people; he accepted everyone at face value and
267 then encouraged them to do their best; he acted not out of self-interest, but for the greater
268 good of the people around him; and

269 WHEREAS, Lou would take time out to help anyone, at any time; if he sensed help was
270 needed, he jumped in; and

271 WHEREAS, he retired from the Georgia Department of Transportation in January 2009 as
272 the D6-A2 Area Engineer; upon retirement, he went to work with Moreland Altobelli, where
273 Lou worked closely with the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners and in the short time
274 that Lou worked with them, the commissioners were so impressed with him that they
275 presented a resolution in his honor at their May, 2010, meeting; and

276 WHEREAS, Lou left behind his wife, Tracey, daughter, Mallory, and mother, Eleese; and

277 WHEREAS, ever since his death, friends and co-workers have been considering appropriate
278 ways to memorialize him and since the bridge over Talking Rock Creek on SR 136 was one
279 of the last projects that Lou worked on as a GDOT Area Engineer, and is in the area where
280 Lou grew up and over the creek that he fished in as a youth, it seems appropriate to have the
281 bridge named in his honor.

282 **PART VIII-E**

283 WHEREAS, PFC Don Manac was serving his country as a member of Company H, Second
284 Battalion, Seventh Marine Division, in the Republic of Vietnam, on August 20, 1970; and

285 WHEREAS, he was a member of a reaction force which was directed to relieve another
286 Marine unit that had been pinned down by fire from a large North Vietnamese Army force;
287 and

288 WHEREAS, upon arriving at the site of the beleaguered unit, the reactionary force came
289 under intense automatic weapons fire and, during the initial moments of the engagement, two
290 Marines were seriously wounded; and

291 WHEREAS, observing that the casualties were lying in an open area, PFC Manac
292 unhesitatingly moved across the fire-swept terrain to the side of his comrades and, seemingly
293 heedless of the enemy rounds impacting around him, dragged them to a covered location; and

294 WHEREAS, determined to prevent the hostile force from taking and using the wounded
295 soldiers' weapons, he again braved the enemy fusillade as he retrieved the rifles but, before
296 he could reach the safety of his platoon's defensive, he was mortally wounded; and

297 WHEREAS, his heroic and determined actions inspired all who observed him and were
298 instrumental in saving the lives of two fellow Marines; and

299 WHEREAS, by his courage, bold initiative, and selfless devotion to duty in the face of grave
300 personal danger, PFC Manac upheld the highest traditions of the Marine Corps and of the
301 United States Naval Service and he gallantly gave his life in the service of his country; and

302 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that the ultimate sacrifice of PFC Don Manac be
303 honored by establishing a lasting memorial in his honor.

304 **PART VIII-F**

305 WHEREAS, Jim Cavan was born in Decatur, Georgia, in 1913; and

306 WHEREAS, after graduating from high school, he received a football scholarship to the
307 University of Georgia where he played on Coach Harry Mehre's last team at Georgia; and

308 WHEREAS, after college he started coaching high school football, first at Gainesville High
309 School and then at Rome High School where his team won the state championship in 1942;
310 and

311 WHEREAS, he served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; while in the Navy he was a
312 coach at the Iowa Pre-Flight School where he worked with such football legends as Bud
313 Wilkinson, Jim Tatum, and Johnny Vaught; and

314 WHEREAS, he was named as the head football coach and athletic director at R.E. Lee High
315 School in 1953 and remained in those positions until he retired in 1976; and

316 WHEREAS, during his 23 year career at Lee his football record was 140-84-14; his teams
317 won region championships in 1961, 1965, 1966, 1967, and 1970; the Rebels played Valdosta
318 for the AAA state championship in 1961 and his 1970 team was Lee's first regular season
319 undefeated team; and

320 WHEREAS, Coach Cavan was named as Georgia's high school coach of the year in 1961 by
321 the Atlanta Touchdown Club; and

322 WHEREAS, he was a contemporary of such legendary Georgia high school coaches as
323 Wright Bazemore, Oliver Hunnicutt, Calvin Ramsey, Weyman Sellers, and Billy Henderson,
324 and Coach Cavan's name is always mentioned when the subject of Georgia's greatest high
325 school coaches comes up; and

326 WHEREAS, while at Lee, he was also the head coach of the Lady Rebels basketball team
327 and they had great success as his teams won 14 region titles and captured state
328 championships in 1963 and 1966; the 1962-63 team had a perfect 32-0 record and the
329 1963-64 team won its first 27 games, to run their streak to 59 consecutive wins, before losing
330 in the state championship game; and

331 WHEREAS, he met his wife, Dot, at the University of Georgia and they were married for 44
332 years until Coach Cavan passed away in 1983; and

333 WHEREAS, during his coaching career at Lee, Coach Cavan had the privilege of coaching
334 each of his five children; he coached Dottie and Joanie in basketball, and Jimmy, Mike, and
335 Pete in football; and

336 WHEREAS, Coach Cavan was inducted into the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame in 1961 and
337 into the Thomaston-Upson Inaugural Induction Hall of Fame in 2005; and

338 WHEREAS, Coach Jim Cavan continues to be a positive influence in the lives of thousands
339 of graduates of R.E. Lee High School; he consistently exhibited the character traits of
340 discipline, perseverance, loyalty, faith, and dedication to everyone he touched; and

341 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this great man and coach
342 be established.

343 **PART VIII-G**

344 WHEREAS, Willou Copeland Smith is a native of Glynn County, Georgia, where she
345 attended Glynn Academy and went on to Florida State University where she majored in
346 music therapy; and

347 WHEREAS, she married Bill Smith in 1961, and they have two children, Leigh Ann, who
348 is a real estate broker in Dallas and Cal, who is an attorney in Atlanta; and

349 WHEREAS, she served on the Glynn County Commission from 1980 through 1986; and

350 WHEREAS, in 1987, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where she
351 served until 1996, chairing the minority caucus for one term; and

352 WHEREAS, she received the prestigious A.W. Jones, Sr., Award in 2004 for dedicated
353 leadership and outstanding service to Brunswick and the Golden Isles, was included in the
354 YWCA's Tribute to Women for 2000, and was selected to enter the Leadership Georgia
355 program in 1982 where she served as trustee from 1983 to 1986; and

356 WHEREAS, she is a member of Christ Church, Frederica, where she served three years on
357 the Vestry, participated in the Rector search, and is immediate past president of the
358 Daughters of the King; and

359 WHEREAS, Willou energized the St. Simons "Clean and Beautiful" campaign, and her
360 efforts were recognized by then governor, Joe Frank Harris, who awarded her with the
361 Georgia Woman of the Year Award for "Georgia Clean and Beautiful" in 1981; and

362 WHEREAS, while in office she was known as the "go to" commissioner and legislator
363 because her highest priority was constituent service; and

364 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that her years of public service be appropriately
365 recognized.

366 **PART VIII-H**

367 WHEREAS, Henry Veal, Sr., and Mamie Solomon Veal were the proud owners of The Veal
368 Café in downtown Milledgeville, Georgia; and

369 WHEREAS, they were the first African Americans to own a restaurant with a Coca Cola sign
370 in downtown Milledgeville; and

371 WHEREAS, they were considered the Founders of Education in Georgia with 22
372 descendants and cousins with master's degrees that includes one university president, five
373 doctorates, one Harvard Ph.D., three Double Masters, and two Ivy League Masters; and

374 WHEREAS, Henry and Mamie parented three generations of Ph.D. recipients and raised six
375 siblings who became educators, collectively with 170 years of service, even though they
376 started as cotton pickers with only a fifth grade education; and

377 WHEREAS, Henry Veal served in WWI as a Mess Sergeant for white army officers, and
378 while stationed in France he learned to speak French; and

379 WHEREAS, there is a historic bench in downtown Milledgeville dedicated in honor of the
380 Veals, and it is said that The Veal Café is where the WWII soldiers came to eat. In the
381 1940's, the white city hall workers made the café the first take out restaurant in Milledgeville;
382 and

383 WHEREAS, many of the Veals' children and other relatives worked in the café to help put
384 themselves through college; and

385 WHEREAS, at The Veal Café you could order a fish sandwich and a coke or "a pig ear
386 samish anna cocola" for a nickel; and

387 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to this outstanding couple
388 be established; along the portion of SR 24 to be dedicated in their honor are the graves of
389 three generations of slave ancestors and 300 members of the Veal and Solomon families.

390 **PART VIII-I**

391 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
392 with the passing of Mr. Raymond Royal Marshall on January 15, 2011; and

393 WHEREAS, a native of St. Louis, Mr. Marshall earned a bachelor's degree from the
394 University of Georgia and dedicated 17 years to WSB Radio, earning a reputation as a
395 trailblazer in the radio industry; and

396 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall began his career with WSB Radio as a board operator and, in
397 1996, started his own radio talk show called "The Royal Treatment," which ran for several
398 years; and

399 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall was an integral member of Neal Boortz's radio team, where his
400 sense of humor and quick mind were incredible assets to the successful nationally syndicated
401 show; and

402 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Marshall was an active member of Ray
403 of Hope Christian Church, where he served as a deacon; and

404 WHEREAS, he was a community advocate and passionate about helping others, serving as
405 chair of the national advisory board at Forever Family, a nonprofit organization which helps
406 children who have parents who are incarcerated; and

407 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Annette,
408 and was blessed with two remarkable young daughters, Amira and Ava; and

409 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
410 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
411 family and friends were admired by others; and

412 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
413 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
414 made this world a better place in which to live; and

415 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Marshall will long be remembered for
416 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
417 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

418 WHEREAS, it is only proper and fitting that a lasting memorial to Mr. Marshall be
419 established.

420 **PART VIII-J**

421 WHEREAS, Berrien County is very proud of those men and women who have served our
422 country and represented Berrien County with honor and dignity; and

423 WHEREAS, Private Homer C. Sumner, born on January 17, 1922, and a lifelong resident of
424 Berrien County, after being drafted at the young age of 18 years, did in fact serve our country
425 in the United States Army from 1940 until his death in 1944, offering his life as a sacrifice
426 for our freedom; and

427 WHEREAS, Private Sumner, while serving in the Infantry 95 Division, was killed in action
428 on November 9, 1944, during the "Battle of the Bulge" in World War II; and

429 WHEREAS, Berrien County desires to pay honor to this fallen hero for his dedication and
430 sacrifice.

431 **PART VIII-K**

432 WHEREAS, the world lost a great leader and citizen with the passing of Charles "Chuck"
433 Burris on February 12, 2009; and

434 WHEREAS, Charles "Chuck" Burris is known for the vital role he played in Georgia's
435 history by serving as the first African-American Mayor of Stone Mountain; and

436 WHEREAS, from 1997 until 2001, he gave heroic service and provided tremendous
437 leadership to the people of this State as the Mayor of Stone Mountain; and

438 WHEREAS, he was an outstanding student and attended Morehouse College in Atlanta,
439 Georgia, as a Merrill Scholar; and

440 WHEREAS, as a young man, Chuck began his leadership career by actively working in
441 politics, serving on the campaigns of Mayor Maynard Jackson and Ambassador and Mayor
442 Andrew Young; and

443 WHEREAS, Mr. Burris was a dedicated public servant as demonstrated by his active service
444 on the Stone Mountain City Council and his service as a public employee for the City of
445 Atlanta and the Office of the Secretary of State; and

446 WHEREAS, following his term as Mayor of Stone Mountain, Charles Burris became the
447 executive director of the Southern Regional Council, and he later worked at Lockheed Martin
448 as a senior IT manager; and

449 WHEREAS, Chuck Burris was exceptionally active in civic and community organizations
450 and he gave freely of his time, talents, gifts, and prayers; and

451 WHEREAS, he was a loving and devoted husband to his wonderful wife, Marcia Baird
452 Burris; and

453 WHEREAS, those who had the rich privilege of knowing him will remember him as a man
454 of great courage, strong faith, wholesome humor, and warm friendliness. They will
455 remember him as a man quick to champion the right and to make clear his disapproval of the
456 wrong. His solid integrity was eloquent, and his presence was a moral strength in any group;
457 and

458 WHEREAS, it is only proper to honor the memory of this life well-lived with a lasting
459 memorial.

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PART IX

461 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
462 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life and service of PFC Samuel
463 Stephens Lance and dedicate the intersection of Lafayette Road and SR 27 as the Steve
464 Lance Memorial Intersection.

465 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor Charlie Will Stapleton
466 by dedicating the bridge on SR 41 crossing Bear Creek in Webster County as the Charlie
467 Will Stapleton Bridge.

468 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding heroism
469 and bravery of PFC Luther H. Story and dedicate the bridge on SR 26, over the
470 Kinchafoonee Creek in Marion County, as the Luther Story Bridge.

471 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the outstanding
472 accomplishments of Forrest Laughlin Adair II and dedicate the bridge on US 78, the Stone
473 Mountain Freeway, at Park Place in Gwinnett County, as the Forrest Laughlin Adair II
474 Memorial Bridge.

475 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in recognizing and
476 honoring William Austin Atkins, Sr., for his outstanding service to his community and to the
477 State of Georgia and dedicate the bridge over I-75 North at Windy Hill Road, in Cobb
478 County, as the William Austin Atkins, Sr. Bridge.

479 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in honoring the life and
480 memory of William Travis Duke; express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing;
481 and dedicate the bridge over SR 41 at I-285, in Cobb County, as the W.T. (Travis) Duke
482 Memorial Bridge.

483 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Roy Parrish by dedicating the
484 portion of US 27/SR 1 from the city limits of Fort Oglethorpe south to Shields Crossing as
485 the Roy Parrish Parkway.

486 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Floyd C. and Mary McCants
487 Jarrell by dedicating the portion of Old Wire Road, SR 208, from the Talbot County line to
488 SR 19 South in Taylor County as the Floyd C. and Mary McCants Jarrell Memorial
489 Highway.

490 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia portion of U.S. Highway 27, located within
491 the limits of the Martha Berry Highway, be dedicated as the Scenic Hometown Highway for
492 tourism enhancement purposes.

493 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body celebrate the life and
494 outstanding career and many accomplishments of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., and dedicate the
495 portion of SR 25 beginning at SR 88 to the Burke County line as the Judge John H. Ruffin,
496 Jr. Memorial Highway.

497 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Mr. Kermit Yates by
498 dedicating a portion of SR 152 from the city limits of Cobbtown, Georgia, to the Coleman
499 Bridge as the Kermit Yates Memorial Highway.

500 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body joins in celebrating the life of Jimmy (Lou)
501 Chastain and dedicates the bridge over Talking Rock Creek on SR 136 in Pickens County
502 as the Lou Chastain Memorial Bridge.

503 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor PFC Don Manac by
504 dedicating the bridge on SR 94 in Fargo, Georgia, at the Clinch/Echols County line, crossing
505 Suwannee Creek, as the PFC Don Manac Memorial Bridge.

506 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body joins in honoring the life of Coach Jim Cavan
507 and dedicates the portion of SR 74 in Thomaston, Georgia, in Upson County, from its
508 intersection with Church Street to its intersection with Holston Drive as the Coach Jim Cavan
509 Memorial Parkway.

510 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body desires to honor Willou Copeland Smith by
511 dedicating the portion of SR 303 from Altama Avenue to its intersection with US 17 as the
512 Willou Copeland Smith Highway.

513 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor Henry Veal, Sr., and
514 Mamie Solomon Veal by dedicating the portion of SR 24 in Baldwin County from its
515 intersection with Kings Road to the Washington County line as the Veal – Solomon
516 Highway.

517 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body join in honoring the life and
518 memory of Mr. Raymond Royal Marshall and dedicate the intersection of Courtland Street

519 and Ralph McGill Boulevard in Atlanta, Georgia, as the Raymond Royal Marshall Memorial
520 Intersection.

521 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body honor the service of Private
522 Homer C. Sumner and dedicate a portion of SR 125, beginning at Coy Hancock Road and
523 ending at Morris C. Sumner Road as the Private Homer C. Sumner Memorial Road.

524 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory
525 of Charles "Chuck" Burris and dedicates the bridge located at the interchange of East Ponce
526 De Leon Avenue and SR 10/Memorial Drive as the Charles "Chuck" Burris Memorial
527 Bridge.

528 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
529 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
530 resolution.

531 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
532 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, to the
533 family of PFC Samuel Stephens Lance, to the family of Charlie Will Stapleton, to the family
534 of Luther H. Story, to the family of Forrest Laughlin Adair II, to William Austin Atkins, Sr.,
535 to the family of William Travis Duke, to the family of Roy Parrish, to the family of Floyd
536 C. and Mary McCants Jarrell, to the family of Judge John H. Ruffin, Jr., to the family of
537 Kermit Yates, to the family of Lou Chastain, to the family of PFC Don Manac, to the family
538 of Coach Jim Cavan, to Willou Copeland Smith, to the family of Henry Veal, Sr., and Mamie
539 Solomon Veal, to the family of Mr. Raymond Royal Marshall, to the family of Private
540 Homer C. Sumner, and to the family of Charles "Chuck" Burris.