

House Resolution 1177 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representatives Williams of the 113<sup>th</sup> and Channell of the 116<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

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

### 2 **PART I**

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

6 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment  
7 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort  
8 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

9 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have  
10 diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve  
11 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

12 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation  
13 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the  
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something  
16 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
17 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored  
18 appropriately.

### 19 **PART II**

20 WHEREAS, Herman E. Black was highly regarded by the citizens of the City of Gray and  
21 by local government officials as a person of substance; and

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22 WHEREAS, he was the son of William and Maggie Black, both pillars of the community;  
23 and

24 WHEREAS, he spent 76 years of his life as a citizen of Jones County; and

25 WHEREAS, he was the father of four children, a husband, and a friend; and

26 WHEREAS, he gave a lifetime of service and commitment to his community by serving on  
27 the Jones County Board of Equalization, was a founding member of the Jones County Men's  
28 Club, and was a member of the Optimist Club; and

29 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate State Route 22 in the City of Gray from the  
30 eastern city limit to its intersection with State Route 11 as the Herman E. Black Memorial  
31 Highway as an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

32 **PART III**

33 WHEREAS, Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins was shot and killed after making a traffic stop of a  
34 robbery suspect on I-95 shortly after midnight on August 28, 2000; and

35 WHEREAS, Sgt. Jenkins had been with the Camden County Sheriff's Department for 7  
36 years, and had been in law enforcement for 11 years; and

37 WHEREAS, the Camden County Sheriff's Department named him Officer of the Year in  
38 1999; and

39 WHEREAS, in August of 2010, the 28th of August was declared to be Sergeant Carlton  
40 Daniel Jenkins Day in Camden County; and

41 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife and five children; and

42 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a permanent memorial to this outstanding  
43 officer's life and service be established by dedicating an interchange on I-95 in his honor.

44 **PART IV**

45 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
46 with the passing of Mr. J. Dixon Hays on November 21, 2010; and

47 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was born in Mansfield, Georgia, a beloved son of the late James  
48 Dixon and Ruth Ewing Hays; and

49 WHEREAS, a dairy farmer in Newton County for 50 years, Mr. Hays served on the boards  
50 of the Newton County Dairy Association, Newton County Farm Bureau, and Gold Kist  
51 Co-op and earned the Atlanta Farmers Club's Distinguished Agri-Business Leader Award in  
52 1982; and

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was an active community leader, serving on the Newton Medical  
54 Center Authority for 32 years, the Snapping Shoals Electric Trust Board for 13 years, and  
55 treasurer and board member of the Mansfield Community Center; and

56 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hays was a lifelong member of Luther  
57 Hays Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and treasurer for 26 years; and

58 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was united in love and marriage for 59 wonderful years to Marilyn  
59 Harris Hays and was blessed with the adoration and support of his children, Melinda and Jim  
60 Lord and Julius and Jamie Hays; and

61 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of Jennifer Lord and Eric Wilson, Mary Beth Lord  
62 and Rich Zamor, Rebecca Lord, and Jessie Hays; and

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

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

69 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Hays will long be remembered for his  
70 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be  
71 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

72 **PART V**

73 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
74 with the passing of the Honorable Jimmie Hodge Timmons, Jr., on April 5, 2011; and

75 WHEREAS, Mr. Timmons was born on June 11, 1939, in Edison, Georgia, a beloved son  
76 of Lucille Daniels Timmons and Jimmie Hodge "Red" Timmons, Sr.; and

77 WHEREAS, a graduate of Damascus High School, Mr. Timmons earned an associate's  
78 degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, a bachelor's degree from the University  
79 of Georgia, a master's degree from Auburn University, and a specialist's degree from the  
80 University of Georgia; and

81 WHEREAS, Mr. Timmons served as an esteemed member of the Georgia State Senate from  
82 1974 to 1992, adeptly representing the citizens of Senate District 11 and earning the respect  
83 and admiration of his colleagues; and

84 WHEREAS, a distinguished educator for 40 years, Mr. Timmons served as an agriculture  
85 teacher at Bainbridge High School, principal of Damascus Elementary School, principal and  
86 Title I coordinator in the Calhoun County School System, and superintendent of the Calhoun  
87 County School System; and

88 WHEREAS, he was an active member of Arlington Baptist Church, the Demosthenian  
89 Literary Society of the University of Georgia, and the Calhoun Rifles Sons of Confederate  
90 Veterans Edison-Calhoun County; and

91 WHEREAS, Mr. Timmon's leadership and guidance were instrumental during his service as  
92 president of the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Alumni Association and president  
93 and secretary of the Arlington and Edison's Lions Clubs; and

94 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to "his honey," Lorraine Kavakos Timmons,  
95 and was blessed with four remarkable stepchildren, Tommy, Laura, Bill, and Glynda, and  
96 two wonderful grandchildren, Will and Marin; and

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

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

103 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Timmons will long be remembered for  
104 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal brother, husband, stepfather, grandfather, and  
105 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

106 **PART VI**

107 WHEREAS, Mr. Clarence Williams, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
108 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
109 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

110 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
111 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
112 dramatically by his superlative service with the University of Georgia Cooperative  
113 Extension; and

114 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable  
115 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the  
116 citizens of this state have earned him great respect and admiration; and

117 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Williams is an active member of St. Peter's  
118 AME Church in Midway, Georgia; and

119 WHEREAS, he has served as an uplifting and inspirational mentor to countless young people  
120 and has worked tirelessly throughout his lifetime to improve housing conditions in Liberty  
121 County; and

122 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
123 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

124 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
125 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized with a lasting tribute.

126 **PART VII**

127 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
128 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Chadwick T. LeCroy on December  
129 23, 2011; and

130 WHEREAS, Trooper LeCroy joined the Georgia State Patrol in January, 2008, and was  
131 highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials  
132 as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law  
133 enforcement; and

134 WHEREAS, a member of the Crime Suppression Unit within Georgia State Patrol Troop C,  
135 Trooper LeCroy was killed in the line of duty after tracking down a fleeing suspect who he  
136 had attempted to stop for a headlight violation in Atlanta; and

137 WHEREAS, in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice made for the call of duty, Trooper  
138 LeCroy was posthumously promoted to the rank of corporal by Commissioner of the Georgia  
139 Department of Public Safety Colonel Bill Hitchens; and

140 WHEREAS, Trooper LeCroy's promotion marks only the second time in the Georgia State  
141 Patrol's 74 year history that an officer has received such an honor; and

142 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Keisha Yearwood  
143 LeCroy, and was blessed with two remarkable sons, Bret and Deaton; and

144 WHEREAS, he was the beloved son of Donna and Sam Houston and Bill and Tonya LeCroy,  
145 son-in-law of Ken and Vicki Yearwood, and brother of Bill, Jamie, Jack, and Jake; and

146 WHEREAS, Trooper LeCroy loved sports, hunting, and spending time with his family and  
147 friends; and

148 WHEREAS, he truly loved his career and law enforcement and wore his Georgia State Patrol  
149 uniform with pride, exhibiting extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine  
150 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, which were continually  
151 recognized by his peers; and

152 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Trooper LeCroy will long be remembered  
153 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend  
154 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

155 **PART VIII**

156 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
157 with the passing of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician First Class Joseph Adam  
158 McSween; and

159 WHEREAS, Adam McSween was born on August 11, 1980, in Montgomery, Alabama, the  
160 beloved son of Robert and Florence McSween; and

161 WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgia Christian High School in Valdosta, Georgia, and York  
162 College in Nebraska, Adam enlisted in the United States Navy in 2001; and

163 WHEREAS, he completed extensive training in explosive ordnance disposal and earned  
164 qualifications as a Naval Parachutist, Scuba Diving Supervisor, and Senior Explosive  
165 Ordnance Disposal Technician; and

166 WHEREAS, he was valiantly serving as a guardian of freedom and liberty in his second tour  
167 to Iraq when he was killed on April 6, 2007, near Kirkuk in northern Iraq when a rocket hit  
168 his vehicle; and

169 WHEREAS, during his service to this nation, he was awarded an Army Commendation  
170 Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary  
171 Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Expert  
172 Marksmanship Rifle Medal, Expert Marksmanship Pistol Medal, two Iraq Campaign Medals,  
173 and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

174 WHEREAS, Adam leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his parents,  
175 his wife Erin, his daughters Lilly and Gwyneth, his brothers Kyle and Robert, and his sister  
176 Angela; and

177 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to EOD Technician First  
178 Class Joseph Adam McSween's life of service to his country be established.

179 **PART IX**

180 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
181 and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the passing of Patrolman Donald J.  
182 Mander; and

183 WHEREAS, Patrolman Mander served with honor and distinction with the Macon Police  
184 Department; and

185 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine  
186 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, which were continually  
187 recognized by his peers; and

188 WHEREAS, Patrolman Mander was tragically killed in the line of duty on August 23, 1986;  
189 and

190 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Patrolman Mander will long be  
191 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this dedicated officer and loyal friend  
192 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

193 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Patrolman Mander's life  
194 and service to this state be established.

195 **PART X**

196 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
197 enforcement officers with the passing of Deputy Richard Daniels on June 22, 2010; and

198 WHEREAS, Deputy Daniels began his career in law enforcement in August, 2006, as a jailer  
199 and was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government  
200 officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law  
201 enforcement; and

202 WHEREAS, Deputy Daniels was mandated as a certified deputy for the Twiggs County  
203 Sheriff's Office on September 14, 2007, and was killed while on patrol when his vehicle hit  
204 a fallen tree covering the highway; and

205 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Carrie, and was  
206 blessed with a beautiful daughter, Lena; and

207 WHEREAS, Deputy Daniels exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,  
208 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, which were continually  
209 recognized by his peers; and

210 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Daniels will long be remembered  
211 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed  
212 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

213 **PART XI**

214 WHEREAS, Mr. Louie Clark was born November 25, 1924, in Mitchell County, Georgia,  
215 and has spent his life serving others; and

216 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
217 United States Navy from 1943 to 1946, was stationed aboard the destroyer USS *Haynsworth*,  
218 and survived kamikaze attacks and numerous battles while defending the principles and  
219 ideals of America during World War II; and

220 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Clark returned home and attended Florida State College on  
221 the GI Bill; and

222 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark served on the Madison County School Board for several years before  
223 being elected to the General Assembly in 1974; and

224 WHEREAS, he devoted two decades to the public as a member of the Georgia House of  
225 Representatives, where he was known for his keen wit, gutsy disposition, and independent  
226 spirit about government and public service; and

227 WHEREAS, a knowledgeable historian, Mr. Clark was awarded the highest award from the  
228 United Daughters of the Confederacy; and

229 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his adoring wife Ann and has been blessed  
230 with four amazing children; and

231 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
232 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

233 **PART XII**

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

- 236 (1) This body hereby joins in honoring military veterans and dedicates State Route 22  
237 in Oglethorpe County from U.S. Route 78/State Route 10 in Lexington to the Madison  
238 County line as Veterans Memorial Highway;
- 239 (2) The members of this body honor the life and contributions of Herman E. Black and  
240 his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his community and this state and that State  
241 Route 22 in the City of Gray from the eastern city limit to its intersection with State  
242 Route 11 is dedicated as the Herman E. Black Memorial Highway;
- 243 (3) The members of this body honor Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins for his effective,  
244 unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, extend to his family their  
245 most sincere condolences, and dedicate the interchange at Horsestamp Church Road and  
246 I-95 between mile markers 18 and 22 is dedicated as the Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins  
247 Memorial Interchange;
- 248 (4) The portion of SR 142 in Newton County between SR 11 and SR 278 is dedicated  
249 as the J. Dixon Hays Memorial Highway;
- 250 (5) State Route 62 from the county line between Early County and Calhoun County in  
251 Arlington to Blakley is designated as the Jimmie Hodge Timmons, Jr., Highway;
- 252 (6) The members of this body join to commend Mr. Clarence Williams, Sr., for his  
253 efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and dedicate  
254 the bridge on U.S. Route 84/State Route 38 over the CSX railroad tracks in Liberty  
255 County as the Clarence Williams, Sr., Overpass;
- 256 (7) The bridge on State Route 280 over the Chattahoochee River in Cobb/Fulton County  
257 is dedicated as the Trooper Chadwick T. LeCroy Memorial Bridge;
- 258 (8) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Explosive Ordinance  
259 Disposal Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween and dedicates the intersection  
260 of State Route 7/North Valdosta Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway in Lowndes  
261 County as the EOD Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween Memorial  
262 Intersection;
- 263 (9) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Patrolman Donald J.  
264 Mander and dedicates the underpass at State Route 19/Forsyth Road and Napier Avenue  
265 in the City of Macon as the Patrolman Donald J. Mander Memorial Underpass;
- 266 (10) The bridge on State Route 96 over Interstate 16 in Twiggs County is dedicated as  
267 the Deputy Richard Daniels Memorial Bridge;
- 268 (11) State Route 98 in Madison County from its intersection with U.S. Route 29 in  
269 Danielsville to State Route 106 in Ila is dedicated as the Louie Clark Highway;
- 270 (12) The Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain  
271 appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution; and

272 (13) The Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit  
273 appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, the family of  
274 Herman E. Black, the family of Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins, the family of J. Dixon Hays,  
275 the family of Jimmie Hodge Timmons, Jr., Clarence Williams, Sr., the family of Trooper  
276 Chadwick T. LeCroy, the family of EOD Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween,  
277 the family of Patrolman Donald J. Mander, the family of Deputy Richard Daniels, and  
278 Mr. Louie Clark.