

House Resolution 429

By: Representatives Mainor of the 56th, Holly of the 111th, Thomas of the 65th, Boddie of the 62nd, and Lim of the 99th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the presidents of Historically Black Colleges and Universities and dedicating
2 a bridge in their honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are institutions of higher
4 education in the United States that were established before the Civil Rights Act of 1964, with
5 the intention of primarily serving the African American community; and

6 WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, HBCUs have been educating minorities, giving them
7 economic opportunities, and instilling great values; and

8 WHEREAS, Morehouse School of Medicine's past presidents include: Louis W. Sullivan,
9 James A. Goodman, James Gavin III, David Satcher, John Maupin, and Valerie Montgomery
10 Rice; and

11 WHEREAS, Spelman College's past presidents include: Sophia B. Packard, Harriet E. Giles,
12 Lucy Hale Tapley, Florence M. Read, Albert E. Manley, Donald M. Stewart, Johnnetta B.
13 Cole, Audrey F. Manley, and Beverly Daniel Tatum; and

14 WHEREAS, Morehouse College, founded by William Jefferson White, has been led by past
15 presidents: Joseph T. Robert, Samuel T. Graves, George Sale, John Hope, Samuel H. Archer,
16 Benjamin E. Mays, Hugh Gloster, Leroy Keith, Walter E. Massey, Robert Michael Franklin,
17 John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., and David Thomas; and

18 WHEREAS, Morris Brown College, founded by Wesley John Gaines, has been led by past
19 presidents: A. St. George Richardson; James M. Henderson; J.S. Flipper; E.W. Lee; W.A.
20 Fountain, Sr.; John H. Lewis; William A. Fountain, Jr.; Edward C. Mitchell; Frank
21 Cunningham; John A. Middleton; Robert Threatt; Calvert H. Smith; Samuel D. Jolley, Jr.;
22 Delores E. Cross; Charles E. Taylor; Stanley J. Pritchett, Sr.; and Kevin E. James; and

23 WHEREAS, the presidents of Morehouse School of Religion include: Oswald Perry
24 Bronson, Samuel Howard Archer, Charles Du Bois Hubert, Lucius M. Tobin, Melvin H.
25 Watson, Levi M. Temil, Lucius M. Tobin, G. Murray Branch, W.R. McCall, Charles S.
26 Hamilton, Bobby Joe Saucer, Edward Wheeler, Edward R. Davie, Hezekia Benton, William
27 T. Perkins, Gerald M. Young, F. Keith Slaughter, and Joseph Evans; and

28 WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University past presidents include: Thomas W. Cole, Jr., Walter
29 D. Broadnax, Carlton E. Brown, Ronald A. Johnson, Lucille H. Mauge, and George T.
30 French, Jr.; and

31 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
32 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

33 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
34 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Interstate 20 on Lee Street/Exit 55 in Fulton
35 County is dedicated as the HBCU Presidents' HERO Bridge.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
37 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the HBCU Presidents' HERO
38 Bridge.

39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
40 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
41 Department of Transportation.