

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to HR 144:

A RESOLUTION

1 To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for an effective date; and
2 for other purposes.

3 **PART I**

4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Ms.
5 Kathryn Poff; and

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Poff was a highly respected educator at Creekside Elementary School,
7 dedicating her time, talents, and energy to challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this
8 state as a music teacher; and

9 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
10 for others, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to her students
11 were admired by others; and

12 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
13 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
14 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
16 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

17 **PART II**

18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Judy Hill Loftin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
19 the vital role that she has played in education and her deep personal commitment to inspiring
20 and shaping the young minds of Georgia; and

21 WHEREAS, the great-great-granddaughter of local historical figure Mr. Carter Hill,
22 Mrs. Loftin was born and raised on a homestead on Punkin Junction Road and attended
23 Barrow County schools; and

24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Loftin diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her
25 time, talents, and energy challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this state as an
26 educator with the Barrow County School System for 30 years; and

27 WHEREAS, she served as guidance counselor at Winder Barrow Middle School, Winder
28 Barrow High School, and Bramblett Elementary School; and

29 WHEREAS, a licensed professional counselor, Mrs. Loftin was a member of the American
30 School Counselors Association and the Georgia School Counselors Association; and

31 WHEREAS, Mrs. Loftin's commitment to education was recognized with numerous honors
32 and accolades, including Middle School Counselor of the Year for District Nine and Middle
33 School Counselor of the Year for the State of Georgia in 2003; and

34 WHEREAS, she was an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa, National Association of
35 Educators, Georgia Association of Educators, the Pilot Club of Winder and the Winder
36 Women's Club, and Barrow Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and served as trustee for the
37 Barrow County Historical Society and as a Barrow County Museum docent; and

38 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Loftin was a 35 year member of the
39 Winder First United Methodist Church where she led the children's choir, taught fifth grade
40 Sunday school, and contributed to the women's circles of the church; and

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

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PART III

44 WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil Mathews was known in Ellijay, Georgia, for his innovation and
45 entrepreneurial spirit; and

46 WHEREAS, the son of parents with deep roots in Gilmer County, Mr. Mathews' wife,
47 Margaret, was a grocer, providing the local community with quality food and friendly
48 service; and

49 WHEREAS, he was passionate about fly fishing; an activity made even more enjoyable by
50 the abundance and beauty of the county's natural landscape and the majesty of Turniptown
51 Creek; and

52 WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews was in the lumber business his entire life, establishing his Ellijay
53 sawmill in October of 1965 after operating other lumber businesses in the area for 15 years;
54 and

55 WHEREAS, on March 15, 1966, he completed a total electrification of the business, which
56 allowed for streamlining of production and an increase in lumber supply used in the
57 manufacture of furniture and flooring; and

58 WHEREAS, an innovative feat for its day, the electrification of Mathews' sawmill enabled
59 him to saw over 15,000 feet of lumber per day, with only the grading completed by hand; and

60 WHEREAS, his foresight contributed to the modernization of the lumber industry and
61 attracted numerous other businesses to the Gilmer County area; and

62 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
63 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

64 **PART IV**

65 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
66 citizens with the passing of Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks on January 3, 2019; and

67 WHEREAS, a native of Dacula, Georgia, Mayor Wilbanks was a graduate of the Gwinnett
68 County Public School System and the University of Georgia; and

69 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks was first elected to serve the citizens of Dacula in 1971, ably
70 and adeptly serving for eight years; and

71 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were called upon again in 2002 when he was
72 re-elected as the mayor of Dacula, and he was serving his third term at the time of his
73 passing; and

74 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks served as president of the Gwinnett Municipal Association in
75 2007 and served as a member of the organization's Legislative Policy Committee; and

76 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks also served the people of this state through his employment
77 with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief for more than 20 years;
78 and

79 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Wilbanks was an active member and
80 leader at Hebron Baptist Church; and

81 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
82 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

83 **PART V**

84 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dennette Odum Jackson has long been recognized by the citizens of this
85 state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
86 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

87 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson made history as the first African American councilwoman for the
88 City of Milledgeville with her election in 1992, a position she held for 12 years; and

89 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
90 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
91 dramatically by her 42 years of superlative service at Central State Hospital; and

92 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents were invaluable to
93 numerous organizations such as the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, Oconee

94 Community Service Board, AARP, Georgia War Veterans Home Advisory Council, Georgia
95 American Legion Auxiliary, and the Baldwin County Board of Health; and

96 WHEREAS, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her
97 sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned her the respect and admiration of
98 her colleagues and associates; and

99 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
100 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

101 **PART VI**

102 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
103 enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Probate Judge Jon Payne on August 18,
104 2020; and

105 WHEREAS, Judge Payne was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
106 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to
107 justice; and

108 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a probate judge in Chattooga County
109 for 45 years, winning a special election to fill the office of probate judge in 1975 at just
110 25 years old; and

111 WHEREAS, prior to his passing, he oversaw the county's primary election with a smooth
112 transition to the state's new voting machines; and

113 WHEREAS, Judge Payne exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding
114 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

115 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his commitment to the integrity of democracy
116 and the safeguarding of this state's elections; and

117 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
118 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

119 **PART VII**

120 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley has long been recognized by the citizens of this
121 state for his leadership within First Baptist Church of Atlanta, and his deep personal
122 commitment to the welfare of all Georgians; and

123 WHEREAS, he has passionately devoted his entire life to bettering his community and state
124 through ministry, as evidenced by his 51 year tenure as senior pastor of First Baptist Church
125 of Atlanta; and

126 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley was born and raised in Dry Fork, Virginia, and was called to
127 ministry at a young age; and

128 WHEREAS, after receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond,
129 Dr. Stanley went on to pursue a Master of Divinity from the Southwestern Baptist
130 Theological Seminary, and Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Luther
131 Rice Seminary; and

132 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley joined First Baptist Church of Atlanta in 1969 and was promoted
133 to senior pastor in 1971, after which he grew the church into a global television and radio
134 ministry, which is now known as In Touch Ministries; and

135 WHEREAS, In Touch Ministries has thrived under Dr. Stanley's leadership, as demonstrated
136 by its translation into over 100 languages, availability on 204 satellite networks, and its
137 audience of listeners on over 450 radio stations; and

138 WHEREAS, in addition to authoring more than 60 books, Dr. Stanley has also achieved the
139 status of *New York Times* best-selling author; and

140 WHEREAS, he served two terms from 1984 to 1986 as president of the Southern Baptist
141 Convention, and is a 1988 inductee into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame;
142 and

143 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley is father to Becky Stanley, and to Andy Stanley, who serves as the
144 pastor of North Point Community Church in Alpharetta; and

145 WHEREAS, in September, 2020, Dr. Stanley announced his transition to pastor emeritus of
146 First Baptist Church of Atlanta after more than 50 years of service and dedication to the
147 gospel; and

148 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
149 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

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PART VIII

151 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
152 enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Sheriff Philip Street on November 27,
153 2020; and

154 WHEREAS, Sheriff Philip Street was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and
155 state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication
156 to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

157 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as Dade County sheriff from 1984 to 2004,
158 longer than any sheriff in that county; and

159 WHEREAS, under his leadership as sheriff, his department received national recognition for
160 "Operation Sand Storm," which resulted in the arrests and convictions of drug traffickers
161 from Texas to Georgia; and

162 WHEREAS, even after his service as sheriff ended, Sheriff Street's dedication to public
163 service and criminal justice was evident in his service as a supervisor and captain of the
164 Walker County Jail; and

165 WHEREAS, Sheriff Street exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding
166 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

167 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of
168 others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement
169 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

170 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
171 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

172 **PART IX**

173 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of
174 Mr. Charles R. Lusk; and

175 WHEREAS, a graduate of Rossville High School in Walker County, Mr. Lusk diligently and
176 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the
177 betterment of his community and state; and

178 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as president and CEO of both
179 Fort Oglethorpe State Bank and Rossville Bank; and

180 WHEREAS, his leadership and organizational talents were recognized with numerous
181 awards and accolades, including a Lifetime Service Award from the Community Bankers
182 Association of Georgia and Outstanding Chamber Member Award from the Walker County
183 Chamber of Commerce; and

184 WHEREAS, Mr. Lusk was an active board member of the Community Bankers Association
185 of Georgia, Independent Bankers Association of America, Walker and Catoosa County
186 Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Chattanooga Christian Services and Children's Home;
187 and

188 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
189 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

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PART X

191 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Sergeant
192 Henry "Gene" Mullis; and

193 WHEREAS, Sergeant Mullis was born on July 12, 1920, the beloved son of Henry and
194 Georgia Walker Mullis; and

195 WHEREAS, a graduate of Gordon Lee Memorial High School in Walker County, Sergeant
196 Mullis served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States Armed
197 Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting democratic ideals during World War II and the
198 Korean War; and

199 WHEREAS, during his military career, Sergeant Mullis was recognized with a Purple Heart
200 and two Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Clusters for valor; and

201 WHEREAS, Sergeant Mullis survived the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge
202 and served as the first walking postman for the City of Chickamauga; and

203 WHEREAS, a proud and loyal Gordon Lee Memorial trojan, Sergeant Mullis served as the
204 school's correspondent for athletics programs to the *Chattanooga Times* and the *Atlanta*
205 *Journal*, served as secretary and historian for the school's alumni association, and operated
206 the scoreboard at home basketball games for over 53 years; and

207 WHEREAS, his leadership and organizational talents were instrumental to numerous
208 organizations, including the American Legion Post 271, Older American Center, and Osburn
209 School Cemetery; and

210 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Sergeant was an active member and deacon
211 at the First Baptist Church in Chickamauga and was a devoted husband to Doris Avery
212 Greene Mullis and father to Lorie Gene Mullis, Senator Jeff Mullis, and Jerry Mullis; and

213 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
214 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

215 **PART XI**

216 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Henry
217 "Hank" Louis Aaron, Atlanta Braves legend and baseball's homerun king, who passed away
218 on January 22, 2021, at the age of 86; and

219 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama, on February 5, 1934, the third of
220 Herbert and Estella Aaron's eight children; and

221 WHEREAS, a Hall of Famer, Atlanta's first professional sports star, and, in a soft-spoken
222 way, an agent of change in the post-Jim Crow South, Mr. Aaron came to embody Atlanta as
223 he embodied the Braves; and

224 WHEREAS, nicknamed Hammerin' Hank, Mr. Aaron's record of 755 home runs hardly does
225 justice to his extraordinary career, for he retired with 23 major league records; and

226 WHEREAS, he was the all-time RBI leader with 2,297, racked up the most extra-base hits
227 with 1,477, and finished in the top three for at-bats with 12,364, runs with 2,174 (tied with
228 Babe Ruth), games with 3,298, and hits with 3,771; and

229 WHEREAS, he averaged only 63 strikeouts per season and retired with a career .305 batting
230 average; and

231 WHEREAS, a 20-time All-Star and a three-time Gold Glove winner, Mr. Aaron won the
232 1957 National League Most Valuable Player award and was rushed to Cooperstown on the
233 first-ballot in 1982; and

234 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was considered one of the city's
235 most successful entrepreneurs, owning several car dealerships and Krispy Kreme doughnut
236 franchises; and

237 WHEREAS, throughout his business career, Mr. Aaron held to his philosophy to help other
238 African Americans succeed; and

239 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Billye; their children Gaile, Hank, Jr., Lary, Dorinda,
240 and Ceci; and his grandchildren; and

241 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
242 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

243 **PART XII**

244 WHEREAS, Pastor Billy Edmondson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
245 for his leadership within Sutallee Baptist Church and his deep personal commitment to the
246 welfare of all Georgians; and

247 WHEREAS, he has passionately devoted his entire life to bettering his community and state
248 through ministry, as evidenced by his 30 year tenure as senior pastor of Sutallee Baptist
249 Church in White, Georgia; and

250 WHEREAS, since Pastor Edmondson joined the Sutallee staff in 1991, the church's
251 congregation has grown from 15 members who were meeting in a basement of a building
252 with a tin roof to more than 700 faithful congregants; and

253 WHEREAS, with deep roots in Canton, Georgia, Pastor Edmondson's grandfather worked
254 at the Canton Mill at age 13 and Pastor Edmondson worked for a local railroad company
255 while attending Reinhardt University and taking Bible classes offered by the Georgia Baptist
256 Convention; and

257 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
258 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously serving in the Vietnam war; and

259 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been instrumental to numerous organizations,
260 including the Georgia Baptist Mission and the Academy at Double H Ranch; and

261 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
262 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

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PART XIII

264 WHEREAS, Senator Fran Millar has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
265 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
266 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

267 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
268 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
269 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Georgia General Assembly for 20
270 years; and

271 WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure with the General Assembly, Senator Millar
272 championed education, small business, and government accountability; and

273 WHEREAS, Senator Millar has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia General
274 Assembly, and his vision and unyielding commitment to representing the residents of his
275 district and educating the youth of this state have set the standard for public service; and

276 WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant was instrumental in the creation of the City of
277 Dunwoody; and

278 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
279 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in
280 his honor.

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PART XIV

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

285 WHEREAS, Corporal Mark Prevatt served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty
286 with the United States Marine Corps and made the ultimate sacrifice on October 23, 1983,
287 when he was killed in a terrorist attack upon the Marine barracks in Beirut; and

288 WHEREAS, a native of Columbus, Georgia, Corporal Prevatt demonstrated a deep personal
289 commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety
290 and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

291 WHEREAS, his selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the
292 people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

293 WHEREAS, Corporal Prevatt embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
294 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable
295 and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his
296 memory.

297 **PART XV**

298 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
299 with the passing of Mr. J.A. "Big Jim" Walters on February 22, 2021; and

300 WHEREAS, a graduate of East Mecklinburg High School, Mr. Walters attended North
301 Carolina State University and was a man with an unparalleled sense of duty to his
302 community and to his country; and

303 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as president of the James A. Walters
304 Management Company, Inc.; and

305 WHEREAS, Mr. Walters diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
306 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by
307 his support of the YMCA; and

308 WHEREAS, his contributions and leadership were recognized by the YMCA with the
309 dedication of the J.A. Walter Family YMCA Center; and

310 WHEREAS, a lifetime supporter of Lanier Technical College, Mr. Walters presented a
311 \$1 million gift to assist the school in opening a new campus location; and

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

315 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Walters will long be remembered for
316 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, grandfather, and
317 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

318 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
319 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

320 **PART XVI**

321 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin Flint has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
322 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
323 of the citizens of Georgia; and

324 WHEREAS, Dr. Flint has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
325 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
326 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the board of trustees of Reinhardt
327 University; and

328 WHEREAS, Dr. Flint and his wife, Bea, have owned a farm in Waleska since 1969; and

329 WHEREAS, in the fall 2017 and spring 2018, the Flints established a chestnut orchard on
330 their Waleska farm, and Dr. Flint has since arranged an agreement between the American
331 Chestnut Foundation and Reinhardt University to involve Reinhardt students in maintaining
332 the orchard; and

333 WHEREAS, the orchard now has over 1,500 chestnut trees which are being studied by Dr.
334 Zach Felix, associate professor of biology at Reinhardt University; Dr. Martin Cipollini,
335 professor of biology at Berry College; and the American Chestnut Foundation; and

336 WHEREAS, the collaborative research project serves not only as a great opportunity for
337 students but as a new future for the American chestnut; and

338 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
339 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

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PART XVII

341 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Shearin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
342 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
343 of the citizens of Georgia; and

344 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
345 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
346 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the State Transportation Board
347 representing District 14 and as Chairman of the Paulding County Board of Commissioners
348 from 2001 to 2008; and

349 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Shearin graduated from Miami Palmetto
350 Senior High School and Auburn University; and

351 WHEREAS, Mr. Shearin is an entrepreneurial leader in Dallas, Georgia, as an
352 owner-operator of McAdams Insurance Agency, Shearinco Enterprises, Inc., and Shearin
353 Properties, LLC; and

354 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
355 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

356 **PART XVIII**

357 WHEREAS, Mr. David Morris Anderson, Sr., was born on September 6, 1935, in Armour,
358 South Dakota, the beloved son of Kuipers Francis Anderson and Barbara Jeanette Dalton
359 Anderson; and

360 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson grew up in Coral Gables, Florida, graduated from Coral Gables
361 High School, and attended the University of Florida where he was a member of Beta Theta
362 Pi fraternity; and

363 WHEREAS, after two years as a Florida Gator, Mr. Anderson was offered a scholarship to
364 play basketball at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia, where he completed his
365 bachelor's degree; and

366 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson taught chemistry and biology at North Hall High School before
367 earning a Master's in Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary; and

368 WHEREAS, he worked as a life insurance agent, serving as president of Life Leaders of
369 Georgia, qualifying many times for the Million Dollar Roundtable, and was the leading agent
370 for several different insurance companies; and

371 WHEREAS, his greatest and proudest accomplishment was the creation of *Mexico Lindo*
372 newspaper, the community's only bilingual newspaper for the Spanish-speaking community,
373 which he co-founded with his beautiful and loving wife, Haydee, in 1990, and published for
374 22 years until his passing; and

375 WHEREAS, in 2003, the newspaper received the Georgia School Boards Association 2003
376 Beacon Award, which recognizes news media organizations whose coverage over time has
377 created understanding of public education issues by informing the general public about
378 programs, policies, and issues affecting the public schools, students, and communities; and

379 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
380 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

381 **PART XIX**

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

385 WHEREAS, Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell served as a guardian of
386 this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy and served on the *U.S.S.*
387 *Arizona* and *U.S.S. Sumner* and commanded three ships during World War II; and

388 WHEREAS, a native of La Fayette, Georgia, Lieutenant Commander Campbell
389 demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to
390 sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

391 WHEREAS, he was serving as a boatswain's captain on the *U.S.S. Sumner* during the attack
392 on Pearl Harbor, where he was able to shoot down the first Japanese attacking plane that was
393 on a torpedo run for the battleship *U.S.S. California*; and

394 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell was awarded the Purple Heart for his actions
395 during the attack on Pearl Harbor and continued to serve in the Navy until 1957, devoting
396 24 years of service to this nation; and

397 WHEREAS, he returned to Walker County to serve as the county surveyor for many years
398 until his passing in 1993; and

399 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell embodied the spirit of service, willing to find
400 meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this
401 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an
402 intersection in his memory.

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PART XX

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

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

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

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

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

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PART XXI

421 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
422 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection at State Route 49 and Blandy Road in
423 Baldwin County is dedicated as the Kathryn Poff Memorial Intersection.

424 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at SR81 and
425 SR316/US29 in Barrow County is dedicated as the Judy Hill Loftin, LPC Memorial
426 Interchange.

427 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 at
428 Turniptown Creek in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Cecil Mathews Memorial Bridge.

429 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 8 from the
430 Gwinnett/Barrow County line to Cedars Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Jimmy
431 Wilbanks Highway.

432 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 22 adjacent
433 to 603 West Montgomery Street in Baldwin County is dedicated as the Dennette Odum
434 Jackson Memorial Bridge.

435 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at US 27 and
436 Washington Street in Chattooga County is dedicated as the Probate Judge Jon Payne
437 Memorial Intersection.

438 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 285 from 1/2
439 mile east and 1/2 mile west of the North Peachtree Road Interchange in DeKalb County is
440 dedicated as the Dr. Charles F. Stanley Highway.

441 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at SR 299 and US 11
442 in Dade County is dedicated as the Sheriff Philip Street Memorial Intersection.

443 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at Chickamauga
444 Avenue and Spring Street in Walker County is dedicated as the Charles R. Lusk Memorial
445 Intersection.

446 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at U.S. 27 and Osburn
447 Road in Walker County is dedicated as the Sergeant Henry "Gene" Mullis Memorial
448 Intersection.

449 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 154 from
450 Polaris Way SW to Interstate 285 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Henry "Hank" Louis
451 Aaron Memorial Highway.

452 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 20 from 1/2
453 mile west to 1/2 mile east of Sutallee Baptist Church in Cherokee County is dedicated as the
454 Pastor Billy Edmondson Highway.

455 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 285 from Exit
456 30 in DeKalb County to the Fulton County line is dedicated as the Senator Fran Millar
457 Highway.

458 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 80 over
459 Baker Creek at the Talbot/Muscogee County line is dedicated as the Corporal Mark Prevatt
460 Memorial Bridge.

461 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 365
462 and Lanier Tech Drive in Hall County is dedicated as the J.A. "Big Jim" Walters Intersection.

463 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 108 from
464 1/2 mile to the east and west of Pleasant Arbor Road in Cherokee County is dedicated as the
465 Dr. Austin Flint Highway.

466 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 61 from
 467 south of East Memorial Drive to the Bartow County line in Paulding County is dedicated as
 468 the Chairman Jerry Shearin Highway.

469 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 13 over Flat
 470 Creek in Hall County is dedicated as the Dave Anderson Memorial Bridge.

471 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 27 and Round
 472 Pond Road in Walker County is dedicated as the Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester
 473 Campbell Memorial Intersection.

474 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 20 from 1/2
 475 mile East and West of the Georgia National Cemetery in Cherokee County as the Veterans
 476 Memorial Highway.

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

480 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
 481 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
 482 Department of Transportation; to the families of Ms. Kathryn Poff, Mrs. Judy Hill Loftin,
 483 Mr. Cecil Mathews, Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks, Mrs. Dennette Odum Jackson, Probate Judge
 484 Jon Payne, Sheriff Philip Street, Mr. Charles R. Lusk, Sergeant Henry "Gene" Mullis, Mr.
 485 Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron, Corporal Mark Prevatt, Mr. J.A. "Big Jim" Walters, Navy
 486 Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell, and Mr. David Morris Anderson, Sr.; and

487 to Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley, Pastor Billy Edmondson, Senator Fran Millar, Dr. Austin
488 Flint, and Chairman Jerry Shearin.

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PART XXII.

490 This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its
491 becoming law without such approval.