

## Senate Resolution 412

By: Senators Dugan of the 30th, Watson of the 1st, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Au of the 48th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Dr. Samuel D. Thomas I and dedicating an intersection in  
2 his memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Samuel D. Thomas I was born in 1882 in Ridgeway, South Carolina, and  
4 moved to Carrollton, Georgia, in 1918; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from medical school, Dr. Thomas completed his postgraduate  
6 work at St. Andrews Hospital in Tuskegee, Alabama; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas was highly regarded by the citizens of his community as a person  
8 of unquestioned integrity, and his dedication to the medical profession set the standard for  
9 excellence; and

10 WHEREAS, a trailblazer who paved the way for others, Dr. Thomas was the first African  
11 American physician at Tanner Memorial Hospital in 1918, where he dedicated his time,  
12 talents, and energy until his retirement in 1954; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1962, the Carrollton Housing Authority Board of Commissioners recognized  
14 his influence by naming the West Carrollton Housing Development "Thomas Homes"; and

15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Thomas was an active member of Mt. Zion  
16 Baptist Church, where he served as deacon and treasurer; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. 27 and Alabama Street in Carroll  
21 County is dedicated as the Dr. Samuel D. Thomas I Memorial Intersection.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
23 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Samuel D. Thomas I  
24 Memorial Intersection.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
27 Dr. Samuel D. Thomas I and to the Department of Transportation.