

House Resolution 71

By: Representative Griffin of the 149th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Latasha R. Butts and dedicating a road in her memory;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Ms.
4 Latasha R. Butts on October 21, 2024; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Milledgeville, Georgia, Ms. Butts was a basketball star at the
6 University of Tennessee with four regular season Southeastern Conference Championship
7 wins before being drafted to the WNBA in 2004 by the Minnesota Lynx; and

8 WHEREAS, during her season in the WNBA, Ms. Butts played in 30 games and helped the
9 franchise achieve a record 18 victories and a playoff appearance; and

10 WHEREAS, after a year with the WNBA, Ms. Butts returned to the University of Tennessee
11 as a graduate assistant and later played basketball overseas in Portugal and Israel, as well as
12 with the WNBA's Charlotte Sting and Houston Comets; and

13 WHEREAS, she coached for three seasons at UCLA, eight seasons at LSU, and four seasons
14 at Georgia Tech; and

15 WHEREAS, Ms. Butts was serving as the head coach of the Georgetown University
16 basketball team at the time of her passing; and

17 WHEREAS, she was highly regarded in the basketball community and was known as a coach
18 who expected excellence and cared deeply for her players; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
20 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in her memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 49 from the Milledgeville
23 Bypass SR 29/US 441 to the Macon Bibb County line in Baldwin County is dedicated as the
24 Latasha R. Butts Memorial Highway.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Latasha R. Butts Memorial
27 Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
29 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
30 family of Ms. Latasha R. Butts and to the Department of Transportation.