

Senate Resolution 7

By: Senator Dolezal of the 27th

**ADOPTED SENATE**

**A RESOLUTION**

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

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**PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert F. Sullivan has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
4 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was born on September 21, 1927, the beloved son of Franklin  
7 Clyde and Minnie Valdivia "Dee" Gillespie Sullivan and served as a guardian of this nation's  
8 freedom and liberty with the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan earned his medical degree from Emory University, began his  
10 medical practice in Carnesville, Georgia, in 1957, and served as chief of staff for Cobb  
11 Memorial Hospital in Royston, Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
13 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
14 dramatically by his superlative service as president of the Carnesville Lions Club; and

15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Sullivan was a lifelong member of  
16 Carnesville Methodist Church; and

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

19 **PART II**

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Lary Jack Moree has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
21 the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
22 of the citizens of Georgia; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Moree was born on November 9, 1942, the beloved son of R.V. and Miltie  
24 Jeanette Johnson Moree and was the owner and operator of Moree's Grocery and Liquor  
25 Store, the family business he took over from his father; and

26 WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Mr. Moree gave inspiration to many through his high ideals,  
27 morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

28 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Mr. Moree demonstrated to his  
29 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

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**PART III**

36 WHEREAS, Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., was born in Cobb County to the late Gordon Lee Waller  
37 and Frances Ocille Smith Waller on March 12, 1938, and was called home to be with the  
38 Lord on September 13, 2006; and

39 WHEREAS, Mary Frances Rogers Waller, who went by Frances, was born in Cohutta to the  
40 late Lloyd Rogers and Ethel Oliver Rogers on July 5, 1940, and was called home to be with  
41 the Lord on March 27, 2022; and

42 WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances met and fell in love at Berry College in Rome, Georgia,  
43 married on August 26, 1961, and built their lives together and raised a family encompassing  
44 six children, 14 grandchildren, and growing numbers of great-grandchildren; and

45 WHEREAS, from 1966 and thereafter, Jerry and Frances raised their family in the same  
46 home on Lakewood Drive until their passings and played important roles in their community  
47 and in their church, the Gospel Light Baptist Tabernacle; and

48 WHEREAS, Jerry began his career as a school teacher along with Frances before moving  
49 back to Cobb County to join the manufacturing industry, culminating in almost 25 years  
50 working for Lockheed Martin in Marietta supporting the production of C-130s; and

51 WHEREAS, Frances's passion was for education and children which was demonstrated by  
52 her calling to be an elementary school teacher with over 20 years of service at four schools:  
53 Coosa Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Lockheed Elementary, and Marietta Christian  
54 School; and

55 WHEREAS, Frances never stopped being an educator, with a great sense of dry humor, to  
56 the young and the old until the day she left this world; and

57 WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances made youth baseball and sports a family endeavor, making  
58 Adams Park in Kennesaw a second home with five children cycling through the park for over  
59 two decades; and

60 WHEREAS, Jerry inspired leadership traits in his children through taking on various roles  
61 including coach, umpire, and president of the Kennesaw Baseball Association; and

62 WHEREAS, Jerry, a deacon, and Frances, a Sunday school teacher, were anchored by their  
63 faith and called to serve family, friends, and strangers by opening up their home and offering  
64 their resources to those in need for over 45 years; and

65 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
66 Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

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#### **PART IV**

68 WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Morrow dedicated 43 years to providing compassionate care as a family  
69 medicine physician, a gifted diagnostician, and a beloved friend to his patients and  
70 colleagues; and

71 WHEREAS, a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina,  
72 Dr. Morrow was the CEO of Morrow Family Medicine, a state of the art family practice in  
73 Cumming, Georgia, for ten years, where he was adored by his staff as a mentor, a friend, and  
74 a trusted physician and earned the titles of the "Top 25 Place to Work in Atlanta" and the  
75 "Best in Forsyth" in family medicine; and

76 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow's leadership was invaluable to organizations such as the  
77 Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology and the Health  
78 Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS); and

79 WHEREAS, his talent was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2014  
80 Steve Bloom Entrepreneur of the Year by the Cumming Forsyth Chamber of Commerce, the  
81 Phoenix Award as Community Leader of the Year from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of  
82 Commerce, the HIMSS Primary Care Davies Award, the HIMSS Physician IT Leader of the  
83 Year, and the Distinguished Humanitarian Physician Alumni of the Year Award from the  
84 University of South Carolina School of Medicine; and

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

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#### **PART V**

88 WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston was born on March 30, 1915, in Lanette,  
89 Alabama, the youngest of 11 siblings born to Hope and Mary Winston; and

90 WHEREAS, a graduate of Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Winston  
91 attended Clark College and dedicated his life to enriching and uplifting young children at the  
92 historic Butler Street YMCA, which served as the only Black YMCA in the city; and

93 WHEREAS, while at the Butler Street YMCA, he served as a mentor to future leaders such  
94 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Vernon Jordan, Jesse Hill, Herman Russell, Maynard Jackson,  
95 Walt Frazier, Ambassador Andrew Young, and countless others; and

96 WHEREAS, his contributions to the community were recognized in 1995 when the Butler  
97 Street YMCA constructed a new branch and named the facility the J.D. Winston YMCA; and

98 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Winston was an active and faithful  
99 member of the Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he served in numerous capacities,  
100 including as a Sunday school teacher; and

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

103 **PART VI**

104 WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne, Karolyn "Karri" Marie, and Tabbatha Rene' Lawhorne passed  
105 away in a tragic car accident on May 17, 1998; and

106 WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne Lawhorne was born on May 16, 1980, and was a cheerleader,  
107 cross-country runner, and a budding actress; and

108 WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne had a great love for Jesus and after her passing it was discovered  
109 that she had a list of over 100 people for whom she prayed daily; and

110 WHEREAS, Tabbatha Rene' Lawhorne was born in June 18, 1982, and was a standout soccer  
111 and softball player; and

112 WHEREAS, Tabbatha was a compassionate and generous soul, who went out of her way to  
113 help others in their time of need; and

114 WHEREAS, Karolyn "Karri" Marie Lawhorne was born on December 18, 1983, and was  
115 beautiful both inside and out; and

116 WHEREAS, Karri loved her family and friends fiercely and was known as the life of the  
117 party as a talented singer, star athlete, and an amazing artist; and

118 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
119 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

120 **PART VII**

121 WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Anthony Woodall was a dedicated and faithful public servant  
122 whose life was tragically cut short on June 15, 2023, during service as the District 3 assistant  
123 highway maintenance foreman with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

124 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
125 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
126 dramatically by his superlative service after numerous severe weather incidents in this state;  
127 and

128 WHEREAS, he played a vital role for the Georgia Department of Transportation and was  
129 known for his willingness to do whatever was necessary to ensure roads in this state were  
130 clear and safe for travel; and

131 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall began his career with the department in 2018 as an equipment  
132 operator and worked his way up to assistant foreman in Columbus; and

133 WHEREAS, he was known by his colleagues and others as a very kind and generous person  
134 who was always willing to help and who never once hesitated when performing his job  
135 duties; and

136 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall will always be remembered for his love of the outdoors, the  
137 Georgia Bulldogs, and his unyielding commitment that set the standard for public service;  
138 and

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

141 **PART VIII**

142 WHEREAS, Mr. George R. Eusner was raised in Monticello, New York, and graduated from  
143 Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1942; and

144 WHEREAS, his work transformed the refractory industry, as the vice president of the  
145 refractories and mineral technologies division at U.S. Steel and executive vice president of  
146 Davis Fire Brick Company; and

147 WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Eusner saw a need for calcined mullite for the refractory market,  
148 which led him to Andersonville, Georgia, where local raw materials were available through  
149 the Georgia Kaolin Company, and he joined forces with Mr. Lewis Eastern, mayor of  
150 Andersonville, to build a small plant that could produce 50 tons per week of high-quality  
151 calcine mullite; and

152 WHEREAS, he founded Mullite Company of America shortly thereafter, which became a  
153 major player in the industry known for its innovative technology and commitment to quality,

154 and it continues to make a positive economic impact for Sumter, Schley, and Macon  
155 counties; and

156 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
157 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.  
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### **PART IX**

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

163 WHEREAS, Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr., was a guardian of this nation's freedom and  
164 liberty with the United States Army, serving in the Korean War; and

165 WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis was reported missing in action on December 2, 1950, after his  
166 unit came under attack during an advance along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir  
167 in North Korea; and

168 WHEREAS, it was reported that Corporal Rewis was held as a prisoner of war and died in  
169 an area called the Death Valley, which served as a collection point for United Nations  
170 prisoners, but his remains were not returned home to his family and accounted for until  
171 October 25, 2022; and

172 WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding  
173 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States in giving the ultimate  
174 sacrifice will be remembered always; and

175 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater  
176 than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
177 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

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**PART X**

179 WHEREAS, Mr. Peter "Pete" Liakakis was born on January 9, 1932, in Savannah, Georgia,  
180 and attended Savannah High School; and

181 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
182 States Air Force, was trained as a bomb disposal expert, and worked as the deputy director  
183 of civil defense during the Cold War Era and as a covert intelligence officer; and

184 WHEREAS, Mr. Liakakis operated several firework retail stores in Savannah and a small  
185 chain of Pal Convenience Stores before founding the United Security Agency and later the  
186 United Detective Agency, where he earned a well deserved reputation for getting results for  
187 his clients; and

188 WHEREAS, he provided security detail for the stars and sets of several movies filmed in  
189 Savannah and went on to co-produce films and television programs with Burt Reynolds  
190 through their production company, Sun Classic Pictures; and

191 WHEREAS, later in life, Mr. Liakakis worked in politics as a campaign manager and adviser  
192 before running for office himself in 1995 at age 63, when he was elected as alderman at large  
193 for the Savannah City Council; and

194 WHEREAS, he later served on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as chairman  
195 and held leadership roles for the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the executive committee

196 of the American Cancer Society, Savannah Tech Foundation, and the Beach Institute, to  
197 name just a few; and

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

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### **PART XI**

201 WHEREAS, Mrs. Frances Bright Johnson was born on April 17, 1937, the beloved daughter  
202 of Robert Bryant, Sr., and Rosa Lee Williams; and

203 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson was raised in Garden City, Georgia, and graduated from Richard  
204 Arnold High School; and

205 WHEREAS, an active leader of her community, Mrs. Johnson was a lifetime member of the  
206 NAACP, served for ten years as chairperson of the Political Advisory Council, was a  
207 member of the Chatham County Federation of Democratic Women, and was a member of  
208 the YMCA and YWCA Executive Board Democratic Forum; and

209 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable  
210 patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the  
211 citizens of this state earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates;  
212 and

213 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
214 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

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**PART XII**

218 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams have long been  
219 recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital roles that they have played in leadership  
220 and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

221 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams was a renowned civil rights leader whose work was  
222 crucial in achieving one of the civil rights movement's greatest accomplishments, the passage  
223 of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill and the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

224 WHEREAS, born on January 5, 1926, Rev. Dr. Williams was orphaned at the age of ten after  
225 his blind mother passed away, yet he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry from  
226 Morris Brown College, earn a Purple Heart for his heroic service during World War II, and  
227 become a renowned research chemist with the United States Department of Agriculture; and

228 WHEREAS, Rep. Juanita Williams graduated third in her class at Savannah State College  
229 and earned a master's degree from Atlanta University; and

230 WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1984 and diligently  
231 and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the  
232 betterment of her community and state for four terms; and

233 WHEREAS, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to "clothe the naked and  
234 feed the hungry," Rev. Dr. and Rep. Williams founded the Hosea Feed the Hungry and  
235 Homeless aid organization in 1970, which is currently the largest direct-to-client food service

236 organization in the Southeast and a provider of medical and educational aid in Haiti and  
237 Philippines; and

238 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
239 Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

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### **PART XIII**

241 WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Thomas was born in 1946 in Cumming, Georgia, graduated from  
242 Forsyth County High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of  
243 Technology; and

244 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
245 States Navy; and

246 WHEREAS, the Thomas family roots in Forsyth County run deep, with the family's origins  
247 dating to before the Civil War and operating the Thomas Lumber Company since 1927; and

248 WHEREAS, as the current owner of Thomas Lumber Company, Mr. Thomas takes pride in  
249 providing customers with the highest quality lumber products in pine, cypress, Brazilian  
250 hardwood, and cedar; and

251 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas' significant organizational and leadership talents have been  
252 invaluable to numerous organizations, including the Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of  
253 Commerce, Rotary Club of Forsyth County, and the board of People's Bank of Forsyth  
254 County; and

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

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**PART XIV**

258 WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Downing has long been recognized by the citizens of Pickens County  
259 and this state for the vital leadership role that he has played in his community and the  
260 supermarket industry; and

261 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing began his grocery career in the tenth grade, working his way up  
262 to leadership positions for Big Star Food Markets and A&P; and

263 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Downing and his wife Sandy opened and operated Foothills IGA  
264 in Marble Hill, Georgia, until his retirement in 2023; and

265 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing has earned many professional awards, including the IGA 2015  
266 USA International Retailer of the Year award and the Georgia Food Industry Association's  
267 2015 Legacy Award; and

268 WHEREAS, he has served in leadership positions in a number of philanthropic  
269 organizations, including the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce, Good Samaritan Health  
270 and Wellness Center, CARES food bank, Rotary Club, Hope House, Pickens Ferst  
271 Foundation for Childhood Literacy, Georgia Food Industry Association, and the Georgia  
272 Food Industry Education Foundation; and

273 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing was named 2014 Pickens County Citizen of the Year in honor of  
274 his leadership and his service to the community; and

275 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
276 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

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**PART XV**

278 WHEREAS, Mr. Maceo A. Brown was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Henry McNeil  
279 Turner High School; and

280 WHEREAS, he became a certified electrician in 1974 and began his own business, Maceo A.  
281 Brown Electrical Contractors, which provides residential and commercial electrical services;  
282 and

283 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown established System 5 Electronics, which provides residential and  
284 commercial alarm system installation and monitoring; and

285 WHEREAS, in 2007, he founded MACEO's Kids, Inc., (Mentoring Aspiring CEO's), to  
286 bring intelligent, compassionate, and dedicated members of the business community together  
287 in pursuit of providing local youth with the opportunities and tools to grow as successful  
288 members of society; and

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

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**PART XVI**

292 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carolyn Lucille Long Banks was born on October 30, 1940, in Atlanta,  
293 Georgia, the beloved daughter of Mr. Ralph A. Long, Sr., and Mrs. Rubye Carolyn Hall  
294 Long; and

295 WHEREAS, a graduate of Turner High School, Mrs. Banks attended Clark College where  
296 she became an active leader with the Atlanta Student Movement, which was a formidable  
297 force for change and mobilized students for marches, sit ins, and boycotts for civil rights and  
298 justice; and

299 WHEREAS, her leadership and dedication helped the Atlanta Student Movement see the  
300 integration of local businesses and city facilities; and

301 WHEREAS, in 1980, Mrs. Banks became the first African American woman to serve on the  
302 Atlanta City Council, where she spearheaded Atlanta's Proctor Creek Infrastructure Plan to  
303 support African American communities and co-sponsored the Freedom Parkway  
304 compromise; and

305 WHEREAS, she initiated a Children's Defense Fund partnership with cities across the nation  
306 to improve youth civic engagement and served as president of the National League of Cities;  
307 and

308 WHEREAS, Mrs. Banks was a member of the University of Georgia Municipal Leadership  
309 Institute, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Leadership Atlanta, Atlanta Business League,  
310 NAACP, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and Southwest Cascade Garden Club; and

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

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## **PART XVII**

314 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
315 with the passing of Mr. Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison on August 2, 2022; and

316 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison graduated from the University of Georgia with a master's degree  
317 in horticulture in 1971; and

318 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
319 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
320 dramatically by his superlative service with the County Extension Service, beginning with  
321 Elbert County and later transferring to Barrow County; and

322 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental to numerous organizations, including the  
323 Barrow County Board of Education, Barrow County Board of Commissioners, the Rotary  
324 Club, and Walton-Barrow Board of Realtors; and

325 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison established the Barrow County Cattleman's Association and  
326 served as president of the Barrow County Farm Bureau; and

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

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### **PART XVIII**

330 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard "Ricky" Alan Dykes was born on August 10, 1954, in  
331 Hawkinsville, Georgia, and graduated from Cochran High School; and

332 WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes worked loading hay for erosion control and learned every aspect of  
333 the road-building industry during his first job with the family owned Everett Dykes Grassing  
334 Company; and

335 WHEREAS, he has served in numerous capacities for the company over the years and  
336 continues to provide leadership and support as a consultant and advisor; and

337 WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes' expertise and leadership have been invaluable to the Georgia  
338 Highway Contractors Association, where he has served on the board of directors and as  
339 president; and

340 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
341 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

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### **PART XIX**

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

346 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
347 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
348 dramatically by his 40 years of service in the road construction industry and as president and  
349 CEO of Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc.; and

350 WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes served with unyielding commitment as president of the Georgia  
351 Highway Contractors Association from 2004 to 2011; and

352 WHEREAS, he has earned distinction for his dedication to his community and profession  
353 including the Citizen of the Year Award from the Cochran Bleckley Chamber in 1998; and

354 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
355 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this  
356 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

357 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
358 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an overpass in his honor.

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### **PART XX**

360 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most noble,  
361 patriotic, and selfless citizens with the passing of Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom on  
362 October 30, 2023; and

363 WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was born on December 20, 1928, in Monroe, Georgia, a  
364 beloved son of Jamie and Mamie Malcom; and

365 WHEREAS, during his 29 years of distinguished service to the United States Army, he  
366 demonstrated unwavering commitment and bravery in staff and command positions  
367 throughout the United States and Europe as well as during combat tours in Korea and  
368 Vietnam and was recalled many times to active duty as a result of his highly important and  
369 relevant operations in North Korea; and

370 WHEREAS, his final position on active duty as garrison commander of three United States  
371 Army installations and his induction into the Georgia Military Hall of Fame in 2020 stand  
372 as testament to his outstanding leadership and service; and

373 WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was further recognized through numerous awards and  
374 decorations, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Aviation Badge, Airborne Badge, four

375 awards of the Legion of Merit, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge—the first Special  
376 Forces soldier to ever receive this honor; and

377 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service and the will to find meaning in something  
378 greater than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and  
379 distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

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**PART XXI**

381 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Cameron" Scroggins was born on October 15, 1997, in East Ridge,  
382 Tennessee, and spent most of his life in Chickamauga, Georgia; and

383 WHEREAS, Mr. Scroggins developed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma early in life and relapsed  
384 four times; and

385 WHEREAS, even through his treatments and pain, Mr. Scroggins remained optimistic in life  
386 and always encouraged others to volunteer for the bone marrow registry, paving the way for  
387 countless donations and lives saved; and

388 WHEREAS, he was a talented football player and proudly wore #39 for the Fighting Trojans  
389 at Gordon Lee High School; and

390 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous soul, Mr. Scroggins will long be remembered  
391 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son and friend continues to be sorely  
392 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

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**PART XXII**

396 WHEREAS, Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens has long been recognized by the  
397 citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership in this state and his deep  
398 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

399 WHEREAS, Representative Stephens was born on April 4, 1944, and graduated from  
400 A.E. Beach High School and Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia; and

401 WHEREAS, he spent over three decades as an educator, teaching at both Richard Arnold  
402 High and Savannah High, where he was the head coach for girl's basketball and girl's track  
403 teams and an assistant football coach for 17 years; and

404 WHEREAS, Representative Stephens began his career in public service and politics in 2002  
405 when he was elected to his first term in the Georgia House of Representatives; and

406 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Savannah-Chatham School Board in 2006 and served until  
407 winning back his House seat in 2009, ably and adeptly representing the citizens of the  
408 165th House District until his passing in 2021; and

409 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
410 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

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**PART XXIII**

412 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Richard" Smith was born on February 14, 1940, the beloved son  
413 of the late Carl Reese Smith and Reba Mae Walker Smith; and

414 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's first job in Villa Rica was in 1967 as the general manager for the  
415 Richard's Motor Company Ford Dealership and he went on to purchase the dealership with  
416 his brother, Donald; and

417 WHEREAS, in addition to co-founding Don-Rich Ford in Villa Rica, Georgia, Mr. Smith  
418 was a beloved local figure and a leader of the business community; and

419 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Smith was an active member of First  
420 Baptist Church of Villa Rica; and

421 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Villa Rica Lion's Club, a director of the Bank of Villa  
422 Rica, and a member of the board of directors for Villa Rica Hospital, Tanner Medical Center,  
423 and the Tanner Foundation; and

424 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Industrial Development Authority, Mr. Smith oversaw the  
425 initial development of the industrial park and helped bring in the park's first business, Lowe's  
426 Distribution Center; and

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

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#### **PART XXIV**

430 WHEREAS, Lt. Col., Ret., Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian  
431 were high school sweethearts at Newton County High School and pillars of their community  
432 in Oxford, Georgia; and

433 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Benjamin Fred Christian served as a guardian of this nation's freedom  
434 and liberty with the Georgia National Guard for 34 years as a rescue pilot, logging over  
435 10,000 hours of flight time and flying a UH-1 Huey helicopter; and

436 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian graduated from Piedmont Nursing School and  
437 worked for several physicians' offices in Covington, Georgia; with Newton General Hospital;  
438 and later with Amedisys Home Health Care, where she was also the director of nurses; and

439 WHEREAS, a couple with deep and abiding faith, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Christian were active  
440 members of Gum Creek Presbyterian Church; and

441 WHEREAS, they loved to travel and spend time with family and friends at their lake house  
442 on Jackson Lake, and these generous and kind souls are sorely missed by all who had the  
443 great fortune of knowing them, especially their beloved children and grandchildren; and

444 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
445 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in their memory.

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**PART XXV**

447 WHEREAS, Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., was born on December 8, 1926, in Tifton, Georgia,  
448 and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and received his  
449 commission as an infantry officer in 1949; and

450 WHEREAS, he was assigned to occupation duty in Okinawa, Japan, where he volunteered  
451 for the Eighth Army Ranger Company, which was formed shortly after the Korean Conflict  
452 began in 1950; and

453 WHEREAS, he was recognized with a Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and  
454 leadership when, while leading the company as commander, the company was overrun after  
455 six counterattacks and, despite being severely injured, Colonel Puckett insisted on continuing  
456 to serve active duty; and

457 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Colonel Puckett became the national program  
458 coordinator of Outward Bound, Inc., and subsequently established Discovery, Inc., a  
459 leadership and teamwork development program that focused on "Personal Growth through  
460 Safe Adventure"; and

461 WHEREAS, Colonel Puckett was an inaugural inductee into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of  
462 Fame, served as the first honorary colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1996 to 2006,  
463 served as an ambassador of goodwill by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security  
464 Cooperation, and was a recipient of the U.S. Army Infantry's Doughboy Award; and

465 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
466 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in his honor.

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#### **PART XXVI**

468 WHEREAS, Mr. C. Max Toles was a successful businessperson with a renowned career in  
469 real estate sales and development; and

470 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
471 States Air Force, valiantly defending America during the Korean War; and

472 WHEREAS, Mr. Toles joined Adrian Howell & Covington as the firm's sales manager in  
473 1966 and later became a part owner of the brokerage, which was then renamed  
474 Covington & Toles; and

475 WHEREAS, years later Mr. Toles established Toles, Temple & Wright, Inc., and he was  
476 instrumental in spurring the development of subdivisions and other housing options  
477 throughout Rome, Georgia, positively impacting the growth of the community; and

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

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#### **PART XXVII**

481 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ashley MacDonald Callahan has long been recognized by the citizens of  
482 this state for the vital role that she played in the teaching profession and her deep personal  
483 commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and

484 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia, Mrs. Callahan devoted 16 years to  
485 inspiring the future leaders of this state as a high school and middle school educator; and

486 WHEREAS, she made the subject of science come to life for her students by developing an  
487 oceanography course which was used by several schools and by assisting with writing the  
488 oceanography curriculum for the State of Georgia; and

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490 WHEREAS, Mrs. Callahan was a dedicated professional who went above and beyond,  
491 serving in leadership roles and working with students inside and outside of the classroom;  
492 and

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

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**PART XXVIII**

496 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
497 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 145 from Athens Street to  
498 Hubbard Road in Franklin County is dedicated as the Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial  
499 Highway.

500 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 133 over  
501 Dry Creek in Worth County is dedicated as the Lary Jack Moree Memorial Bridge.

502 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 41 at Pine  
503 Mountain Ct/Watts Drive in Cobb County, Georgia, is dedicated as the "Coach" Jerry L.  
504 Waller, Sr. and Frances R. Waller Memorial Intersection.

505 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 9 and  
506 Deputy Bill Cantrell Memorial Road in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Dr. Jim Morrow  
507 Memorial Intersection.

508 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route  
509 154/Memorial Drive and Capitol Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the  
510 J.D. Winston Memorial Intersection.

511 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 400  
512 and Setting Down Circle in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Lawhorne Memorial  
513 Intersection.

514 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 19/State  
515 Route 3 at State Route 96 in Taylor County is dedicated as the Michael Anthony Woodall  
516 Memorial Intersection.

517 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 49 over  
518 Sweetwater Creek in Sumter County is dedicated as the George R. Eusner Memorial Bridge.

519 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 94 over the  
520 Alapaha River in Echols County is dedicated as the US Army Cpl. Dewey E. Rewis Jr.  
521 Memorial Bridge.

522 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 204 from  
523 mile point 21.5 to 27.7 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Chairman Pete Liakakis  
524 Memorial Highway.

525 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at State Route 25/  
526 U.S. Route 17 and State Route 204 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Frances Bright  
527 Johnson Memorial Interchange.

528 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 405  
529 and State Route 204 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and  
530 Rep. Juanita T. Williams Memorial Interchange.

531 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 369 from  
532 Gravitt Road to State Route 400 in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Bobby Thomas  
533 Highway.

534 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 53 and  
535 Steve Tate Highway in Pickens County is dedicated as the Jeff Downing Intersection.

536 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 139  
537 and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Southwest in Fulton County is dedicated as the Maceo A.  
538 Brown Memorial Intersection.

539 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 3 and  
540 State Route 9 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Carolyn Long Banks Memorial  
541 Intersection.

542 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 316  
543 and State Route 53 in Barrow County is dedicated as the Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison  
544 Memorial Interchange.

545 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 112  
546 and Abney Road/Willis-Howell Road in Bleckley County is dedicated as the Ricky Dykes  
547 Intersection.

548 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the overpass of U.S. Route 23/State  
549 Route 87 Bypass over Southern Railroad in Bleckley County is dedicated as the Van Dykes  
550 Railway Overpass.

551 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 54 over  
552 Whitewater Creek in Fayette County is dedicated as the Colonel Ben Malcom Memorial  
553 Bridge.

554 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 341 over  
555 Chattanooga Creek in Walker County is dedicated as the Cameron Scroggins Memorial  
556 Bridge.

557 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of U.S. Route 80 and  
558 Harry Truman Parkway in Chatham County is dedicated as the Representative Edward  
559 "Mickey" Stephens Memorial Interchange.

560 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 61 and  
561 State Route 8/US Route 78 in Carroll County is dedicated as the J. Richard Smith Memorial  
562 Intersection.

563 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 36 and  
564 State Route 212 in Newton County is dedicated as the LTC Benjamin Fred and Sandra  
565 Kitchens Christian Roundabout.

566 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 219  
567 and Bradley Park Drive in Muscogee County is dedicated as the Medal of Honor Recipient  
568 Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr. Roundabout.

569 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route  
570 27/Turner McCall Boulevard and Avenue A in Floyd County is dedicated as the C. Max  
571 Toles Intersection.

572 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 81 at  
573 Ozora Church Road in Walton County is dedicated as the Ashley MacDonald Callahan  
574 Memorial Intersection.

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

578 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
579 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of  
580 Transportation; to the Lawhorne family; Mr. Bobby Thomas; Mr. Jeff Downing; Mr. Richard  
581 "Ricky" Alan Dykes; Mr. Jerry Van Dykes; and Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr.;  
582 and to the families of Dr. Robert F. Sullivan; Mr. Lary Jack Moree; Jerry Lee Waller, Sr.,  
583 and Mary Frances Rogers Waller; Dr. Jim Morrow; Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston; Mr.  
584 Michael Anthony Woodall; Mr. George R. Eusner; Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr.; Mr. Peter  
585 "Pete" Liakakis; Mrs. Frances Bright Johnson; Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T.  
586 Williams; Mr. Maceo A. Brown; Mrs. Carolyn Lucille Long Banks; Mr. Douglas "Doug" H.  
587 Garrison; Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom; Mr. James "Cameron" Scroggins;  
588 Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens; Mr. James "Richard" Smith; Lt. Col., Ret.,  
589 Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian; Mr. C. Max Toles; and  
590 Mrs. Ashley MacDonald Callahan.