

House Resolution 189

By: Representatives Bell of the 75th, Olaleye of the 59th, Willis of the 55th, Bennett of the 94th,
and Cooper of the 45th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Dr. Roy Charles Bell and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Roy Charles Bell was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas, on August 31,
4 1926, and graduated from Howard University and Howard University Dental School; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell was one of the first African Americans to practice dentistry in Atlanta
6 and in 1964 he filed a lawsuit that led to the end of segregation of the Georgia Dental
7 Association and, subsequently, the American Dental Association; and

8 WHEREAS, a leader during the Civil Rights movement, Dr. Bell served as a special projects
9 coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

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

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
13 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Interstate 85/Interstate 75 over Edgewood

14 Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the Dr. Roy Charles Bell Memorial
15 Bridge.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
17 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Roy Charles Bell
18 Memorial Bridge.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
21 family of Dr. Roy Charles Bell and to the Department of Transportation.