

House Resolution 480

By: Representative Erwin of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of World War II Veteran Bobby Blackwell and dedicating a road in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Blackwell was born in Homer, Georgia, on April 9, 1924, the
4 beloved son of Lon B. and Alice Hill Blackwell; and

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

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting
9 democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the
10 well-being of his fellow man; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
12 United States Army Air Force during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, as a sergeant during the war, Mr. Blackwell was assigned to the 314th Depot
14 Supply Squadron at the Bengal Air Base in Calcutta, India; and

15 WHEREAS, upon his return home, Mr. Blackwell continued to serve his country as a rural
16 mail carrier with the United States Postal Service in Lula, Georgia, for 34 years and as an
17 assistant magistrate judge in Banks County for more than 30 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell was an active member of Homer Baptist Church, where he was
19 on the Sunday School Celebration Committee, and the American Legion Post #215, Phi
20 Delta Masonic Lodge #148, Banks County Chamber of Commerce, and Banks County Soil
21 Conservation; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding
23 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States should be recognized
24 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 51 from Hill Street to State
27 Route 164 in Banks County is dedicated as the World War II Veteran Bobby Blackwell
28 Memorial Drive.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the World War II Veteran Bobby
31 Blackwell Memorial Drive.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Mr. Bobby Blackwell and to the Department of Transportation.