

Senate Resolution 439

By: Senator Hodges of the 3rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of the Honorable Sheila M. McNeill and dedicating a road in her memory;
2 and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Sheila M. McNeill has long been recognized by the citizens of
4 this state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
5 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia and the nation; and

6 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
7 talent, and energy for 58 years to the Navy League, the only civilian organization dedicated
8 to supporting the sea services of the United States of which includes providing support to the
9 United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard, and United
10 States Flag Merchant Marine; and

11 WHEREAS, she served as the Navy League's 42nd national president, national vice president
12 for legislative affairs, national director of the United States Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and a
13 member of the National Maritime Policy Committee; and

14 WHEREAS, Senator McNeill was devoted to the betterment of her community and state as
15 a Georgia Senator representing Senate District 3 from 2021 to 2023; and

16 WHEREAS, she was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the Secretary
17 of the Navy's Distinguished, Superior, and Meritorious Public Service medals; the United
18 States Coast Guard's Distinguished and Meritorious Public Service medals; and the United
19 States Armed Forces Spirit of Hope Award; and

20 WHEREAS, Senator McNeill was the first female recipient of the Spanish Navy League's
21 highest honor, the Golden Anchor Award; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 40 from Charlie Smith Senior
26 Highway/State Route 40 Spur to Church Street in Camden County is dedicated as the Senator
27 Sheila McNeill Memorial Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Senator Sheila McNeill
30 Memorial Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of the
33 Honorable Sheila M. McNeill and to the Department of Transportation.