

House Resolution 812

By: Representative Gilliard of the 162nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the life of Coach Carl Middleton and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Coach Carl Middleton was a pillar of the Alfred Ely Beach High School athletic
4 program for over four decades and he dedicated his life to uplifting and inspiring young
5 athletes to achieve their dreams; and

6 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Alfred Ely Beach High School, Coach Middleton led
7 athletes as a basketball coach, softball coach, head football coach, track and field coach, and
8 athletic director; and

9 WHEREAS, his 1967 men's track team placed second in the state and set a 440-relay team
10 record that lasted over ten years, while his women's track teams won twelve city
11 championships, six region championships, and placed in the top ten at state championships
12 on four occasions; and

13 WHEREAS, as coach of the men's junior varsity basketball team, Coach Middleton amassed
14 an incredible career record of 154-10; and

15 WHEREAS, he was recognized as Coach of the Year six times by the Georgia High School
16 Association, was inducted into the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, and was further
17 honored with the establishment of the Carl Middleton Male Athlete Award to annually honor
18 Alfred Ely Beach High School's most outstanding male athlete; and

19 WHEREAS, Coach Middleton served as a role model to countless young athletes who have
20 gone on to make contributions both in the field of athletics and in their communities and it
21 is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be
22 recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Interstate 95 over the Ogeechee River
25 Tributary in Chatham County is dedicated as the Coach Carl Middleton Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Coach Carl Middleton Bridge.

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 Coach Carl Middleton and to the Department of Transportation.