

House Resolution 1372

By: Representatives Seabaugh of the 34th, Jones of the 60th, Wilkerson of the 38th, Parsons of the 44th, Sanchez of the 42nd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the life of Mr. John A. Williams and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. John A. Williams was a visionary civic leader, philanthropist, and real
4 estate developer whose leadership and investment profoundly shaped the economic, cultural,
5 and infrastructure development of Cobb County, Fulton County, and the greater metropolitan
6 Atlanta region; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams played a pivotal role in transforming the Cumberland area into
8 one of Georgia's most significant employment and commercial centers, helping to establish
9 the Cumberland Community Improvement District, which has served as a model for
10 public-private cooperation and infrastructure investment throughout this state; and

11 WHEREAS, through his leadership and advocacy, Mr. Williams helped secure critical
12 funding for transportation and infrastructure improvements along the U.S. Route 41 corridor
13 and throughout the Cumberland area, strengthening connectivity between Cobb and Fulton
14 counties and enhancing regional mobility; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was instrumental in the creation and success of landmark
16 developments that elevated the quality of life in Cobb County, including his generous
17 \$10 million philanthropic contribution to the Cobb Energy Performing Arts Centre, a premier
18 cultural venue that has become a cornerstone of the region's arts and economic vitality; and

19 WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep and abiding commitment to public service, historic
20 preservation, and community investment, including efforts to preserve treasured local assets
21 such as Glover Park in the City of Marietta, ensuring that growth was balanced with respect
22 for history and community character; and

23 WHEREAS, widely regarded as one of the most influential civic and business leaders in
24 metro Atlanta, Mr. Williams was known for his bipartisan leadership, forward-thinking
25 approach to urban planning, and dedication to strategic infrastructure development that
26 continues to benefit Georgia's citizens and economy; and

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

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on U.S. Route 41/State Route 3 over the
31 Chattahoochee River in Cobb County is dedicated as the John A. Williams Memorial Bridge.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the John A. Williams Memorial
34 Bridge.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
37 family of Mr. John A. Williams and to the Department of Transportation.