

House Resolution 1391

By: Representatives Corbett of the 174th, Ridley of the 6th, Rhodes of the 124th, Williams of the 148th, and LaHood of the 175th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms and dedicating a bridge in her memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms was born on October 16, 1892, the beloved
4 daughter of State Senator Frank B. Sirmans and Amanda Strickland Sirmans, and passed
5 away on September 18, 1994; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sessoms grew up on her family's land in Sirmans, Georgia, near Camp
7 Creek Missionary Baptist Church; and

8 WHEREAS, on February 28, 1913, she married Alexander Kelly Sessoms and the couple
9 moved to Cogdell, Georgia, where they opened a large general store; and

10 WHEREAS, the Sessoms went on to become the largest landowners and operators of naval
11 stores in the entire State of Georgia; and

12 WHEREAS, after her husband's passing in 1944, Mrs. Sessoms continued to oversee the
13 family's timber holdings and business interests; and

14 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sessoms was involved in the early pioneering of the modern day forest
15 industry in south Georgia, ensuring that the family's sprawling acreage was improved,
16 contained as one functioning unit, and maintained as sustainable forests for more than five
17 generations; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
19 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 168 over Camp Creek in Clinch
22 County is dedicated as the Edna Sirmans Sessoms Bridge.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Edna Sirmans Sessoms
25 Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Mrs. Edna Sirmans Sessoms and to the Department of Transportation.