

House Resolution 1649

By: Representative Hatchett of the 155th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Sheriff Russell Tanner and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Sheriff Russell Tanner was highly regarded by the citizens of his community
4 and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and
5 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheriff Tanner ably served and protected the citizens of this state as Johnson
7 County Sheriff with an exceptional career in law enforcement that spanned 30 years; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as Deputy Sheriff of Johnson County from January 1, 1962, until July
9 1984, and was appointed Sheriff of Johnson County by Governor Joe Frank Harris to
10 complete the unexpired term of his predecessor; and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Tanner led an exceptional career of public of service, always putting
12 public safety and the citizens of Johnson County first, and his inspiring commitment to the
13 welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement
14 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

15 WHEREAS, Sheriff Tanner retired on December 1, 1992, making him the longest serving
16 law enforcement officer in Johnson County history; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
18 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 78 from Gumlog Road to Union
21 Hill Church Road in Johnson County is dedicated as the Sheriff Russell Tanner Memorial
22 Highway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sheriff Russell Tanner
25 Memorial Highway.

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 Sheriff Russell Tanner and to the Department of Transportation.