

House Resolution 1706

By: Representative Jasperse of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Jerry Barnes and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Barnes was a lifelong resident of the Hinton community in Pickens
4 County, Georgia, and graduated from Pickens High School, where he served as president of
5 the Future Farmers of America; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes dedicated his life to uplifting others and supporting the needs of his
7 neighbors and community; and

8 WHEREAS, he was an advocate for the youth of Pickens County, volunteering countless
9 hours of his time to educating aspiring farmers to care for and show lambs, calves, and pigs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes was a founding member of the Hinton Volunteer Fire Department,
12 helping to protect lives and property and leading annual fundraisers to obtain vehicles and
13 a building for the department; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a charter member of Pickens Future Farmers of America Alumni,
15 founded the Appalachian Cattleman's Association, and supported numerous organizations
16 such as Pickens 4-H, Leadership Pickens, USDA Farm Services Agency, and Coosawattee
17 Regional Water and Sewage Authority; and

18 WHEREAS, after retiring as a Georgia Farm Bureau agent, Mr. Barnes continued to serve
19 as the voice of the western part of the county as County Commissioner for Pickens County;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Barnes was a devoted husband to his wife Marsha, a proud father of Brian
22 and Shelia, and a doting grandfather; and

23 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Barnes was an active member of Hinton
24 United Methodist Church, where he served as church chairperson and choir director; and

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

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 53 from 1/4 mile East of the
29 intersection with State Route 136CO to Arrowhead Way in Pickens County is dedicated as
30 the Jerry Barnes Memorial Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
32 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Jerry Barnes Memorial
33 Highway.

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