

House Resolution 1708

By: Representative Fleming of the 114th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. William Donaldson "Don" Ballard and dedicating a road in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. William Donaldson "Don" Ballard graduated from Covington High School
4 and earned bachelor's and law degrees from the University of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
6 United States Navy during World War II and trained as an underwater demolitionist, known
7 as amphibs, to destroy manmade, underwater obstacles; and

8 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
9 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
10 dramatically by his superlative service as the attorney for Newton County, the Newton
11 County Water and Sewage Authority and the cities of Oxford, Mansfield, Covington,
12 Porterdale, Newborn, Walnut Grove, and Jersey; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballard was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1957 and
14 served until 1970, when he was elected to the Georgia Senate for District 45; and

15 WHEREAS, in the Senate, Mr. Ballard served as chairperson of the Secondary Education,
16 Upper Ocmulgee Economic Opportunity, and Industry, Labor, and Tourism Committees; and

17 WHEREAS, he was elected mayor of Oxford in 2004, where he established a citizen
18 committee that assisted and advised on city planning, paving way for numerous city projects
19 such as the destruction of the utility and work yard, building of the modern utility system,
20 upgrading the city's equipment and personnel; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 81 from East Clark Street to
25 West Richardson Street in Newton County is dedicated as the W.D. "Don" Ballard Memorial
26 Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the W.D. "Don" Ballard Memorial
29 Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Mr. William Donaldson "Don" Ballard and to the Department of Transportation.