

House Resolution 1750

By: Representatives Taylor of the 173rd, LaHood of the 175th, Campbell of the 171st, Greene of the 154th, and Cannon of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the veterans of World War I and dedicating a bridge in their memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedom
5 that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, United States military veterans of World War I demonstrated a deep personal
7 commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety
8 and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

9 WHEREAS, the state of Georgia played a significant role during America's participation in
10 World War I, contributing more than 100,000 men and women to the war effort and holding
11 more training camps than any other state; and

12 WHEREAS, on Armistice Day, November 11, 1921, more than 1,000 Thomas County
13 citizens and veterans gathered around the newly constructed bridge over Ochlockonee River
14 on State Route 3 ALT for a dedication program to name the bridge "Memorial Bridge" but
15 the bridge dedication was not preserved when the bridge was rebuilt in 1941; and

16 WHEREAS, it is important that World War I veterans are thanked for their selfless service
17 to this nation and honored for their commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
18 United States; and

19 WHEREAS, World War I veterans embodied the spirit of service, finding meaning in
20 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
21 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished
22 Americans be honored appropriately.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 3 ALT over the Ochlockonee
25 River in Thomas County is dedicated as the World War I Veterans Memorial Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the World War I Veterans
28 Memorial Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 board of commissioners of Thomas County and to the Department of Transportation.