

Senate Resolution 1002

By: Senators McNeel of the 18th and Williams of the 25th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Neva Jane Langley Fickling and dedicating a road in
2 her memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Neva Jane Langley Fickling has long been recognized for her musical
4 talent and grace; and

5 WHEREAS, raised in Lakeland, Florida, Mrs. Fickling began playing the piano at the age
6 of seven and studied music at Florida Southern College and Wesleyan College; and

7 WHEREAS, at the age of 19 she won the Miss Macon pageant and went on to win Miss
8 Georgia and Miss America in 1953, holding the prestigious honor of being the only woman
9 to win all three titles; and

10 WHEREAS, after completing her studies at Wesleyan College in 1955, Mrs. Fickling
11 continued sharing her talents on the piano at public performances, including events with the
12 Macon-Wesleyan Symphony Orchestra and the Atlanta Pops Orchestra; and

13 WHEREAS, she devoted her time and talents to the boards of numerous organizations,
14 including Wesleyan College, Georgia Women of Achievement, the Georgia Trust for

15 Historic Preservation, the Gina Bachauer Piano Competition, Keep America Beautiful
16 Commission, Georgia State Clean Community Commission, the State Botanical Garden of
17 Georgia, the Macon Symphony Orchestra, the Community Foundation of Central Georgia,
18 the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra, and the Georgia Council for the Arts; and

19 WHEREAS, Mrs. Fickling played a vital role in saving the Grand Opera House in Macon
20 from demolition through her fundraising and public awareness efforts; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 87 from Elbert Jackson Road to
25 Marvin Circle in Monroe County is dedicated as the Neva Langley Fickling 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 Neva Langley Fickling
29 Memorial Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mrs.
32 Neva Jane Langley Fickling and to the Department of Transportation.