

House Resolution 1888

By: Representatives Prince of the 132nd, Newton of the 127th, Howard of the 129th, and Myles of the 126th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Don A. Grantham and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Don A. Grantham has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
4 the vital role that he plays in leadership in this state and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a Georgia native, Mr. Grantham was raised in Augusta and graduated from the
7 Academy of Richmond County before attending Augusta College and ultimately earning a
8 bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Georgia; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Grantham and his wife Mrs. Carol Willcox Grantham have built their lives
10 and raised their family, including their daughter Zoe Grantham Gawrych and son Don A.
11 "Dag" Grantham Jr., in their hometown of Augusta, a family that is now blessed with four
12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, with an abiding devotion to their faith, he and his wife are active members of
14 Trinity on the Hill Global Methodist Church and remain committed to the betterment of not
15 only their hometown and community but also their state and nation; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Grantham launched his career in the lumber sector at the Georgia Pacific
17 Corporation and ultimately cofounded the Forest Sales Corporation in 1968, holding the role
18 of President and CEO for 48 years until 2018; and

19 WHEREAS, an engaged community leader, Mr. Grantham's extensive volunteer service
20 includes his past presidencies of the Exchange Club of Augusta, Augusta Country Club, and
21 Augusta Gold Association and his service with the Boy Scouts of America Advisory Board
22 of Augusta, Metro Augusta Chamber of Commerce, YWCA Board of Directors, Augusta
23 Museum of History Board of Directors, Augusta Arts Council, University Health Foundation
24 Board, and Medical College of Georgia Foundation at Augusta University; and

25 WHEREAS, comprising more than a half century of gubernatorial appointments and
26 electoral successes, his public service roles include multiple terms on the Georgia Ports
27 Authority Board as well as the Richmond County Commission, the Richmond County
28 Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals, and election to multiple terms on the State
29 Transportation Board representing the 12th Congressional district; and

30 WHEREAS, Mr. Grantham presently holds the unique distinction of having served as the
31 Chairman of the Georgia Ports Authority Board and subsequently the State Transportation
32 Board leading initiatives to make our state's port a national and international leader as well
33 as significantly advancing regional and state investment in transportation through the
34 implementation of the Transportation Investment Act of 2010 and the Transportation
35 Funding Act of 2015; and

36 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
37 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an
38 interchange in his honor.

39 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
40 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of Interstate 20 and Interstate 520 in
41 Augusta-Richmond County is dedicated as the Chairman Don A. Grantham Interchange.

42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
43 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Chairman Don A. Grantham
44 Interchange.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
46 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
47 Mr. Don A. Grantham and the Department of Transportation.