

House Resolution 1200 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Roberts of the 155th, England of the 116th, Talton of the 147th, Burns of the 159th, McCall of the 33rd, and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper James David Young on May 4, 1975;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, a native of Fitzgerald, Georgia, Trooper Young attended the 41st Trooper
7 School and was assigned to service at Post 30 in Cordele, Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
9 by a prisoner while working with the Cordele Police Department; and

10 WHEREAS, Trooper Young exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
11 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

12 **PART II**

13 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
14 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper First Class Donward Francis
15 Langston on July 26, 1983; and

16 WHEREAS, a native of Summerville, Georgia, Trooper First Class Langston attended the
17 45th Trooper School and was assigned to service at Post 29 in Cedartown, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
19 in a patrol car crash on Ga. 1 in Polk County; and

20 WHEREAS, Trooper First Class Langston exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty,
21 outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

22 **PART III**

23 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
24 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Corporal Tyrone Collier Dillard on February
25 3, 1977; and

26 WHEREAS, a native of Athens, Georgia, Corporal Dillard attended the 32nd Trooper School
27 and was assigned to service at Post 6 in Gainesville, Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
29 while directing traffic on Ga. 129 near Gainesville; and

30 WHEREAS, Corporal Dillard exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
31 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

32 **PART IV**

33 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
34 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper John Dixon Morris on May 18, 1982;
35 and

36 WHEREAS, a native of Dublin, Georgia, Trooper Morris attended the 54th Trooper School
37 and was assigned to service at Post 8 in Madison, Georgia; and

38 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short after he was killed
39 in a patrol car crash on Atlanta Highway in Monroe, Georgia; and

40 WHEREAS, Trooper Morris exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
41 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

42 **PART V**

43 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
44 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Special Agent Lt. Benjamin Louis Sentell on
45 March 3, 1966; and

46 WHEREAS, a native of Waynesboro, Georgia, Special Agent Sentell attended the 3rd
47 Trooper School and was assigned to service in Waynesboro; and

48 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
49 in a patrol car crash on State Route 24 near Louisville, Georgia; and

50 WHEREAS, Special Agent Sentell exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
51 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

52 **PART VI**

53 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
54 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper First Class James Keith Stewart, Jr.,
55 on April 27, 1991; and

56 WHEREAS, a native of Vienna, Georgia, Trooper Stewart attended the 57th Trooper School
57 and was assigned to service at Post 30 in Cordele, Georgia; and

58 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
59 in a patrol car crash on State Route 215 near Pitts, Georgia; and

60 WHEREAS, Trooper Stewart exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
61 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

62 **PART VII**

63 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
64 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Special Agent Larry Paul Collins on
65 November 5, 1973; and

66 WHEREAS, a native of Hawkinsville, Georgia, Special Agent Collins attended the 34th
67 Trooper School and was assigned to service in Americus, Georgia; and

68 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
69 in an automobile crash on State Route 128 in Taylor County, Georgia; and

70 WHEREAS, Special Agent Collins exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding
71 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

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PART VIII

73 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
74 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper First Class Keith Harlan Sewell on
75 January 17, 1979; and

76 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Trooper Sewell attended the 49th Trooper School
77 and was assigned to service at Post 8 in Madison, Georgia; and

78 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
79 in a patrol car crash on State Route 24 in Oconee County; and

80 WHEREAS, Trooper Sewell exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
81 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

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PART IX

83 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
84 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Billy Arthur Tanner on April 11,
85 1970; and

86 WHEREAS, a native of Cedartown, Georgia, Trooper Tanner attended the 35th Trooper
87 School and was assigned to service at Post 43 in Calhoun, Georgia; and

88 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short after a patrol car
89 crash on State Route 225 in Calhoun, Georgia; and

90 WHEREAS, Trooper Tanner exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
91 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

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PART X

93 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
94 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper First Class William Gaines Andrews,
95 Jr., on May 8, 1977; and

96 WHEREAS, a native of Thomaston, Georgia, Trooper Andrews attended the 45th Trooper
97 School and was assigned to service at Post 34 in Manchester, Georgia; and

98 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short when he was killed
99 in a patrol car crash on State Route 41 near Talbotton, Georgia; and

100 WHEREAS, Trooper Andrews exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
101 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

102 **PART XI**

103 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
104 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Edward Clifton Taylor on June 26,
105 1971; and

106 WHEREAS, a native of Toccoa, Georgia, Trooper Taylor attended the 37th Trooper School
107 and was assigned to service at Post 33 in Milledgeville, Georgia; and

108 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short after a patrol car
109 crash on State Route 44 in Jones County; and

110 WHEREAS, Trooper Taylor exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
111 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

112 **PART XII**

113 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
114 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Mark Allen Page on June 22, 1968;
115 and

116 WHEREAS, a native of Ellijay, Georgia, Trooper Page attended the 26th Trooper School and
117 was assigned to service with Post 27 in Blue Ridge, Georgia; and

118 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short after a patrol car
119 crash on State Route 2 in Union County; and

120 WHEREAS, Trooper Page exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
121 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

122 **PART XIII**

123 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
124 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Victor Harvey Turpen on February
125 23, 1965; and

126 WHEREAS, a native of Tallulah Falls, Georgia, Trooper Turpen attended the 17th Trooper
127 School and was assigned to service with the Motor Vehicle Inspection Unit; and

128 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short after a patrol car
129 crash in Atlanta; and

130 WHEREAS, Trooper Turpen exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
131 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties.

132 **PART XIV**

133 WHEREAS, Bobby Staton was born in Rabun County, Georgia, and was raised in Clayton,
134 Georgia; and

135 WHEREAS, he began his career with the Georgia State Patrol on July 7, 1968, and retired
136 as a senior trooper on June 1, 2000, after 32 years of excellent service; and

137 WHEREAS, he was a dedicated trooper and a good and honest man; and

138 WHEREAS, Bobby was a master mason in Blue Ridge Lodge # 67 and was a member of the
139 Blue Ridge First Baptist Church; and

140 WHEREAS, he was a wonderful father and husband and leaves behind his beautiful wife,
141 Claudia Cannon Staton, and their two children, son Cole Staton and daughter Shannon
142 Staton; and

143 WHEREAS, Bobby Staton passed away on July 2, 2002, from cancer; and

144 WHEREAS, it is only fitting to dedicate a lasting memorial in honor of his life well lived and
145 his tireless service to the people of Georgia.

146 **PART XV**

147 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
148 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Ga. 107 from the eastern city limit of
149 Fitzgerald to the northwest city limit is dedicated as the Trooper James David Young
150 Memorial Highway.

151 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Ga. 1 over Blacks Bluff
152 Road in Floyd County is dedicated as the Trooper First Class Donward Francis Langston
153 Memorial Bridge.

154 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 11 from its
155 intersection with I-985 to the Jackson County line is dedicated as the Corporal Tyrone Collier
156 Dillard Memorial Highway.

157 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 15 from the
158 northern city limit of Eatonton to the southern city limit of Madison is dedicated as the
159 Trooper John Dixon Morris Memorial Highway.

160 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 24 from the western
161 city limit of Waynesboro to the intersection of Ga. 305 is dedicated as the Special Agent Lt.
162 Benjamin Louis Sentell Memorial Highway.

163 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 215 from the
164 southern city limit of Vienna to the northern city limit of Pitts is dedicated as the Trooper
165 First Class James Keith Stewart, Jr., Memorial Highway.

166 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 257 from the
167 southern city limit of Hawkinsville to the northern city limit of Cordele is dedicated as the
168 Special Agent Larry Paul Collins Memorial Highway.

169 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. 441 over the
170 railroad tracks between the intersection of Ga. 12 and Lower Apalachee Road in Morgan
171 County is dedicated as the Trooper First Class Keith Harlan Sewell Memorial Bridge.

172 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 6 from the U.S. 27
173 Bypass to the western city limit of Rockmart is dedicated as the Trooper Billy Arthur Tanner
174 Memorial Highway.

175 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 41 from the
176 northern city limit of Talbotton to the southern city limit of Woodland is dedicated as the
177 Trooper First Class William Gaines Andrews, Jr., Memorial Highway.

178 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 184 from the
179 Jeanette Jamieson Intersection with Ga. 365 and the Ga. 17 Toccoa Bypass to the intersection
180 of Dicks Hill Parkway is dedicated as the Trooper Edward Clifton Taylor Memorial
181 Highway.

182 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 52 from its
183 intersection with Rackley Road to the Dawson County line is dedicated as the Trooper Mark
184 Allen Page Memorial Highway.

185 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 15 from the
186 northern city limit of Tallulah Falls to the southern city limit is dedicated as the Trooper
187 Victor Harvey Turpen Memorial Highway.

188 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Lake Burton on US
189 76 be dedicated as the Trooper Bobby Staton Memorial Bridge.

190 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
191 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
192 resolution.

193 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
194 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of
195 Transportation and to the families of Trooper James David Young; Trooper First Class
196 Donward Francis Langston; Corporal Tyrone Collier Dillard; Trooper John Dixon Morris;
197 Special Agent Lt. Benjamin Louis Sentell; Trooper First Class James Keith Stewart, Jr.;
198 Special Agent Larry Paul Collins; Trooper First Class Keith Harlan Sewell; Trooper Billy
199 Arthur Tanner; Trooper First Class William Gaines Andrews, Jr.; Trooper Edward Clifton
200 Taylor; Trooper Mark Allen Page; Trooper Victor Harvey Turpen; and Senior Trooper
201 Robert "Bobby" Carroll Staton.