

House Resolution 215 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of the Honorable Ronald Lee Newton and dedicating a road
2 in his honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Honorable Ronald Lee Newton was born on November 29, 1960, in
4 Copperhill, Tennessee, the beloved son of John Newton, Sr., and the late Rachel Marie
5 Davenport Newton; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Newton was elected as Chief Magistrate of Fannin County in 1988, a
7 position in which he provided sound and reasoned judgments until his passing; and

8 WHEREAS, he served as the judge for the City of McCaysville for more than two decades,
9 and during his career on the bench, he earned a reputation as a clear thinker and hard worker,
10 as a man whose strong convictions were supported by meticulous research and careful
11 consideration, and as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the
12 rules of honesty and fair play; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Newton was an active member of the Georgia Council of Magistrate
14 Judges, where his leadership and guidance were valued and appreciated by his fellow
15 members; and

16 WHEREAS, he was recognized by the Blue Ridge Lions Club for his unselfish and dedicated
17 service to the people of Fannin County; and

18 WHEREAS, Judge Newton was an honest and dedicated public servant who strived for
19 excellence in all his endeavors and whose primary concern was the fair and impartial
20 administration of justice; and

21 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Rita, and was blessed with two
22 remarkable sons, Josh and Andrew, and two adorable grandchildren, Riley and Baylon; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
24 gratitude for this dedicated public servant by dedicating a road in his memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that State Route 60 in Fannin County from its intersection with
27 State Route 60 Spur in Mineral Bluff to the city limits of McCaysville is dedicated as the
28 Judge Ronald L. Newton Memorial Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Judge Ronald L. Newton
31 Memorial Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Judge Ronald L. Newton and to the Department of Transportation.