A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for an effective date; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, Justice Robert Benham has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in the justice system; and

WHEREAS, Justice Benham earned his bachelor's degree in political science from Tuskegee University in 1967, his Juris Doctorate from the University of Georgia in 1970, and his Master of Law from the University of Virginia in 1989; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army Reserve, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans and attaining the rank of captain; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Justice Benham made history as the first African American appointed to the Georgia Supreme Court in its more than 140 years of existence and, upon his retirement, holds the honorable distinction of being the longest serving member of the court; and

WHEREAS, he served as chief justice from 1995 to 2001, and during his career on the bench, he earned a reputation as a clear thinker and hard worker, as a man whose strong convictions were supported by meticulous research and careful consideration, and as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play; and

WHEREAS, Justice Benham's leadership and wisdom have been instrumental to numerous organizations, as he was president of the Bartow County Bar Association, a chairperson of the Governor's Commission on Drug Awareness and Prevention, and he is currently a...
WHEREAS, Justice Benham's service on the Georgia Supreme Court is marked by his vision and unyielding commitment to justice, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

PART II

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. Al St. Lawrence on November 24, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence was born in Dover, New Hampshire, the beloved son of Mary Gagne and John Ovid St. Lawrence; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force in 1952 and was stationed at Hunter Air Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence began his prestigious career in law enforcement in 1959 with the Chatham County Police Department, where he served in the positions of corporal, sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief of police before his appointment as chief of police in 1971; and

WHEREAS, after 21 years as Chief of Police for Chatham County, Mr. St. Lawrence was elected as the county sheriff, a position he was reelected to serve in for five additional terms; and

WHEREAS, during his 23 years as sheriff, Mr. St. Lawrence was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were recognized with numerous awards and accolades, including the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Dr. Curtis McClung/Motorola Award of Excellence, Georgia Sheriffs' Association Distinguished Humanitarian Award, and Sheriff's Leadership Award for 50 years of service; and
WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence played an instrumental role in many organizations, including the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia Sheriffs' Association, National Sheriffs' Association, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Peace Officers' Association of Georgia, Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and the 200 Club of Coastal Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he is the only law enforcement officer in Georgia to be named both Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Outstanding Chief of the Year and a two-time recipient of Georgia Sheriffs' Association Sheriff of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART III

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia celebrates the life and service of one of its finest citizens, Mr. James "Jimmy" Allen Petrea; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petrea was born in Savannah, Georgia, the beloved son of Thelma Royal and Jessie Lewis Petrea; and

WHEREAS, he enlisted to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy in 1964 and joined the crew of the USS Newport News CA 148 Heavy Cruiser in support of the Operation Sea Dragon and the 1st Marine Division. The mission was naval shore bombardment along the Ho Chi Minh trail as well as the interception and destruction of waterborne craft; and

WHEREAS, after three years of service in Vietnam and earning the rank of Engineman E5 Petty Officer Second Class, he was honorably discharged, returned home to Savannah, and joined the Seaboard Coast Line Railroad as a machinist; and

WHEREAS, he was elected mayor of Thunderbolt in 1981 and was reelected for multiple terms until he resigned on December 31, 2005, after over a quarter-century of service to the town of Thunderbolt and the Coastal Empire; and
WHEREAS, during his 24 years as mayor, Mr. Petrea was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to his community; and

WHEREAS, he was active in various veterans and civic organizations including the American Legion posts 184 and 26, VFW Post 4392, the Chatham Veteran's Council, the Lions Club, and Masonic Lodge 693; and

WHEREAS, Thunderbolt experienced significant growth under Mayor Petrea's leadership during which he played a key role in the commercial development of the riverfront and the opening of the current Wilmington River bridge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Petrea exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Burnsed has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Bryan County and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnsed has served as a leader of Bryan County both as a public servant and leader of the business community; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in the banking industry after service with the Coast Guard, learning the trade at Savannah Bank which he saw merge with Georgia Railroad Bank in Augusta and later became First Union Bank; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, he helped organize Bryan Bank and Trust in Richmond Hill, Georgia, and dedicated 30 years to serving and leading the community until his retirement; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service for 12 years as Chairman of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners, six years on the city council for Garden City, and four years as mayor of Garden City; and
WHEREAS, during his tenure of public service to Bryan County, he increased public access to government meetings and services, partnered with local developers to open a public park, and helped achieve a homestead exemption tax for county senior citizens; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnsed's legacy of cooperation, foresight, and dedication to the people of Bryan County will be evidenced for generations to come in projects such as the extension of Harris Trail, the Bryan County Administrative Building, and numerous other capital projects; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART V

WHEREAS, Mr. Harold Fowler and Mr. Jimmy Burnsed have long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that they have played in leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Bryan County and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harold Fowler dedicated 18 years to the people of Richmond Hill, Georgia, serving on the city council from 1995 to 2005 and as the city's mayor for two terms beginning with his election in 2009; and

WHEREAS, during Mr. Fowler's tenure as a leader of Richmond Hill, the city annexed several parcels of valuable commercial property to increase the city's tax digest, purchased land for much needed commercial development, and laid the foundation for a new city complex off of Highway 144 with the purchase of over 50 acres; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Burnsed served as a leader of Bryan County both as a public servant and leader of the business community, serving 12 years as Chairman of the Bryan County Board of Commissioners, six years on the city council for Garden City, and four years as mayor of Garden City; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure of public service to Bryan County, Mr. Burnsed increased public access to government meetings and services, partnered with local developers to open a public park, and helped achieve a homestead exemption tax for county senior citizens; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the cooperation, foresight, and dedication to the people of Bryan County demonstrated by Mr. Fowler and Mr. Burnsed be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

PART VI

WHEREAS, Mr. Chris Shannon was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to protecting and saving lives and property; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shannon joined the fire department of the City of Preston in 1976 and was appointed fire chief in 1979; and

WHEREAS, he led the department as chief until 2007, then stayed on with the department as a firefighter until 2011, exhibiting over three decades of extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, and fine leadership; and

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

PART VII

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

WHEREAS, Mr. James Oscar Hardigree, Jr., demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, this brave man served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty, attaining the rank of Technician Fifth Grade (T/5) and valiantly protecting the people and ideals of the United States during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a native of Oconee County, Georgia, T/5 Hardigree made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation after he was mortally wounded during combat in Italy on May 31, 1944; and

WHEREAS, T/5 Hardigree demonstrated selfless service to this nation, and his unyielding commitment was recognized with a Purple Heart; and

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WHEREAS, T/5 Hardigree embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VIII
WHEREAS, Sergeant Stanley Thomas Bradley was born on October 15, 1946, in Cartersville, Georgia, the beloved son of Woodrow and Grace Ross Bradley; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cartersville High School, Sergeant Bradley attended Southern Technical College, where he earned an associate's degree in civil engineering; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and defended this country with honor and distinction, as a member of the 5th Mechanized Infantry Division during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bradley paid the ultimate sacrifice after he was mortally wounded from mortar fire when his unit was sent in as relief for a United States Marine unit that had come under a large assault by North Vietnamese soldiers; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bradley demonstrated selfless service to this nation, and his unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States is an inspiration to others; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Bradley embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART IX
WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. James Edward Giddens on February 11, 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens was born on November 6, 1946, in Nashville, Georgia, the beloved son of Lucille Boyd and William Howard Giddens; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens began his prestigious career in law enforcement as a Lowndes County deputy sheriff before assuming the role of chief of police for Ray City in 1975; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short when he lost his life in the line of duty while pulling over the vehicle of a robbery suspect; and

WHEREAS, during his years as chief of police, Mr. Giddens was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART X

WHEREAS, Mrs. Blondean Newman has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service with Bryan County; and

WHEREAS, a native of Bryan County, Mrs. Newman served as county tax commissioner for 30 years and after her retirement served as a county commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman served Bryan County with honor and distinction, and her vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in her honor.

PART XI

WHEREAS, the Honorable Emma Darnell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her nearly 30 years of public service as a Fulton County Commissioner for District 6; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Darnell's legacy spans three decades of service to Fulton County with her election in 1992 until her passing in 2019; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure with Fulton County, Commissioner Darnell served as a champion of minorities, seniors, and the poor; and

WHEREAS, always passionate and often fiery, Commissioner Darnell played a key role in helping transition the City of Atlanta from an all-white power structure to a predominately black City Hall as a member of Mayor Sam Massell's administration; and

WHEREAS, she was the founding chair of the Woman's Advisory Council of Atlanta City Government, which formed in the summer of 1973 after a special report made the now widely accepted conclusion that discrimination based upon sex and gender does exist; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

PART XII

WHEREAS, Scenic Route 9 in Dawson County, Georgia, was once known as Thunder Road and was used by moonshine runners to haul liquor to Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Dawsonville, Georgia, is known as the "Moonshine Capital of Georgia"; and
WHEREAS, during the Prohibition Era, moonshine was made and sold to buyers in Atlanta and 'trippers' from Dawsonville made a living by hauling moonshine down Highway 9; and

WHEREAS, trippers were known to modify cars to make them faster and out of necessity to outrun enforcement agents known as 'revenuers' who were tasked with enforcing prohibition laws; and

WHEREAS, driving and engineering skills honed by trippers would eventually evolve into one of America's favorite pastimes, NASCAR; and

WHEREAS, Dawsonville is the hometown for many racing legends, including Lloyd Seay, Gober Sosebee, Raymond Parks, Roy Hall, Bernard Long, and Red Vogt; and

WHEREAS, some of NASCAR's most popular drivers are from Dawsonville, including Bill and Chase Elliott; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated to honor the rich history and tradition of Thunder Road.

PART XIII

WHEREAS, Dr. Randy Valimont spent his life committed to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, a native of Johnson City, New York, Dr. Valimont graduated from Southeastern University and earned a doctor of religious philosophy degree in 2006 from Logos Graduate School; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Valimont was called by the Lord to lead the congregation of Griffin First Assembly in Griffin, Georgia, in 1993; and

WHEREAS, his vision and direction helped Griffin First Assembly grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and
WHEREAS, under his direction, ministries of Griffin First Assembly led more than 30,000 souls to dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ and the church grew from 450 to 5,200 Sunday morning worshipers with 243 missionaries and ministries across the globe; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Valimont was instrumental in the success of the church's radio and television ministry, Fresh Touch Media Ministries; and

WHEREAS, whether the task was preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or humanitarian, Dr. Valimont served as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Dr. Valimont was a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

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

PART XIV

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Sheriff Van Peavy on January 6, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Peavy was interested in law enforcement from the time of his discharge from the United States Army, and he ran for Sheriff in 1984 and took office on January 1, 1985; and

WHEREAS, taking over a department that consisted of the Sheriff, two deputies, four dispatchers who doubled as jailers, and one part-time deputy who doubled as a jailer, Sheriff Peavy grew the department to more than 60 sworn and civilian personnel; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Peavy was available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, treated every employee like family, had an open door policy for anyone who wished to speak with him, and was always firm but fair and full of wisdom; and

WHEREAS, touching the lives of many, his impact on those around him and those who met him is unsurpassable; and

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WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XV

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Asa Charles Daniels, Jr., on April 7, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Maritime Services, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from the war, he was given the opportunity to purchase Pinehurst Equipment Company, an International Harvester farm implement dealership, which was the world's largest manufacturer of farm equipment; and

WHEREAS, after a lucrative sale of Pinehurst Equipment Company, Mr. Daniels sold life insurance to local residents and became a top-producing life insurance salesman; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Daniels served as a Dooly County commissioner for 26 years, with eight of those as chairperson; and

WHEREAS, he served his community in various capacities, including Dooly Medical Center Hospital Authority chairperson, Middle Georgia Technical College board member, and Dooly-Crisp Empowerment Zone board member; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were instrumental on the Small Business Council of Georgia for four years under Governor Joe Frank Harris and with the formation of the Dooly County Economic Council; and

WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.
PART XVI

WHEREAS, Mr. Wallace Lawson Jernigan was born on June 23, 1925, in Jesup, Georgia, and earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology, where he was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan worked as an engineer and surveyor, county surveyor, and licensed funeral director and maintained an oil agency and apiary business; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1958, where he served as chairman of the Senate Committee on Educational Matters and earned accolades for promoting legislation developing criteria for teachers' salaries and qualifications; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1962 but resigned shortly thereafter to serve as executive secretary to Governor Ernest Vandiver, administering the Governor's policies and coordinating between various state departments; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jernigan managed a successful congressional campaign for Williamson S. Stuckey in 1966 and went on to serve for six years as his administrative assistant in Washington, D.C., and four years as his district representative in Homerville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, upon Congressman Stuckey's retirement, Mr. Jernigan worked for the United States Department of Agriculture, where he specialized in making loans for apartments in rural areas and for water, sewer, and other community facilities for small towns; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XVII

WHEREAS, Senator Leroy Johnson was a trailblazer, and his life's work demonstrated his deep commitment to uplifting the lives of Georgians; and
WHEREAS, a graduate of Atlanta University, Senator Johnson earned a law degree in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson was elected to the Georgia State Senate in 1962 and was the first African American elected to the upper chamber since Reconstruction; and

WHEREAS, during his 12 year tenure with the Senate, Senator Johnson worked quietly to desegregate the Georgia Capitol and is credited with reviving Muhammad Ali's boxing career after he was stripped of his license for refusing to comply with the military draft; and

WHEREAS, he was a true public servant who devoted his life to the betterment of Georgia as an attorney, educator, and elected official; and

WHEREAS, Senator Johnson was recognized with numerous honors and accolades for his many contributions, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia State Bar; and

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

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, Mr. K.C. Bowen, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Gwinnett County and the State of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Central Gwinnett High School, Mr. Bowen earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army Reserve for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Mr. Bowen was elected District 3 Commissioner for the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, representing the western portion of Gwinnett and Snellville area; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as a commissioner, Mr. Bowen helped pave the way for major utility expansions within the county, was instrumental in the expansion of Briscoe Field, was a founding member of the Council for Quality Growth, and also served as a member of the Small Business Council of the United States; and
WHEREAS, he served on the board of the Gwinnett County Water and Sewer Authority, where he oversaw the creation of the first intake plant for Lake Lanier; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen is a founding member of Children's Shelter for Gwinnett County, which has served as a source of protection for abused and abandoned women and children in Gwinnett County for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, after his work in the public sector, Mr. Bowen continued his work to improve Gwinnett County as a developer and builder, with development of industrial, commercial, and residential properties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen serves as president of W. Paces Investment Group, Inc., which develops properties and operates corporate office buildings; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

PART XIX
WHEREAS, Ms. Betty Ann DiPietro Rappé has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Saint Vincent's Academy, Ms. Rappé began working for the Georgia Ports Authority in 1967 with the operations division as a clerk-typist; and

WHEREAS, during her illustrious career with the Georgia Ports Authority, Ms. Rappé has held positions as import clerk, import manager, assistant operations administration manager, operations administration manager, and administration manager in multiple departments; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Rappé's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable discipline and honesty, her selfless teamwork, and her work ethic and determination have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, she is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in her honor.

PART XX

WHEREAS, Mr. Bill Madden has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a native of Elbert County, Georgia, Mr. Madden graduated from Nancy Hart Memorial School and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States National Guard and United States Navy, receiving unit commendation from the United State Naval Air Station for outstanding performance of duty; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Elberton City Council and the Madison County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a leader in the local business community, Mr. Madden owned and operated Madden Barber Shop in Elberton, Georgia; Barber Shop and Mini Burger in Bowman, Georgia; and a small restaurant on the square in Danielsville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, some of his accomplishments on behalf of the people of Madison County include the paving of approximately 300 miles of road, improvement of county fire departments and recreation department, and the construction of a new library, senior center, government complex, and trust joist plant; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Madden's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including Managers Association County Commissioners, NERDC, Board of Action, and Governor Zell Miller's Criminal Justice Coordinating Council; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 113 over I-75 in Bartow County is dedicated as the Justice Robert Benham Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on SR 26/US 80 over Turner Creek in Chatham County is dedicated as the Al St. Lawrence Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at Wilmington River on State Route 26/U.S. 80 in Chatham County is dedicated as the James "Jimmy" A. Petrea Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the new portion of Belfast Siding Road located at Interstate 95 in Bryan County is dedicated as the Jimmy Burnsed Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at Belfast Siding Road in Bryan County is dedicated as the Fowler-Burnsed Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 153 from State Route 41 to the Marion County line in Webster County is dedicated as the Chris Shannon Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 15 from mile marker 6 to mile marker 8 in Oconee County is dedicated as the T/5 James Oscar Hardigree, Jr., U.S. Army WWII Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 113 and US 41/State Route 3 in Bartow County is dedicated as the Sgt. Stanley Thomas Bradley Veterans Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 64 from the city limit of Ray City to the Berrien County border is dedicated as the James Edward Giddens Memorial Highway.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 280 from the Lanier Community to Black Creek Bridge in Bryan County is dedicated as the Blondean Newman Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 85 with Interstate 285 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Emma Darnell Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 9 from the Dawson County line to the intersection with Highway 53 in Dawson County is dedicated as Thunder Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 from 1st Avenue to Henry Jackson Road in Spalding County is dedicated as the Dr. Randy Valimont Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the I-75/SR 27 interchange in Dooly County is dedicated as the Asa Daniels, Jr., Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at I-75 and Pinehurst-Hawkinsville Road/Exit 117 in Dooly County is dedicated as the Van Peavy Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Little Suwannee Creek in Clinch County is dedicated as the Wallace Lawson Jernigan Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 70 from Camp Creek Parkway to Campbellton Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the Leroy Johnson Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at State Route 316 and Riverside Parkway in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the K.C. Bowen, Jr., Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that Directors Drive behind the Annex Buildings at the Garden City Terminal is rededicated as Rappé Way.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 72 from State Route 98 to the Elbert County line in Madison County is dedicated as the Bill Madden Parkway.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Justice Robert Benham, Mr. James "Jimmy" Allen Petrea, Mr. Jimmy Burnsed, Mr. Harold Fowler, Mrs. Blondean Newman, Mr. K.C. Bowen, Jr., Ms. Betty Ann DiPietro Rappé, and Mr. Bill Madden; and to the families of Mr. Al St. Lawrence, Mr. Chris Shannon, Sergeant Stanley Thomas Bradley, Mr. James Edward Giddens, Emma Darnell, Dr. Randy Valimont, Sheriff Van Peavy, Mr. James Oscar Hardigree, Jr., Mr. Asa Charles Daniels, Jr., Mr. Wallace Lawson Jernigan, and Senator Leroy Johnson.

PART XXII
That this resolution shall become effective as law upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.

PART XXIII
That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this resolution are repealed.