

House Resolution 1163 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Gambill of the 15th, Scoggins of the 14th, and Kelley of the 16th

A RESOLUTION

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

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PART I

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

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

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

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

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

21 WHEREAS, Justice Benham's leadership and wisdom have been instrumental to numerous
22 organizations, as he was president of the Bartow County Bar Association, a chairperson of
23 the Governor's Commission on Drug Awareness and Prevention, and he is currently a

24 member of the American Judicature Society, the National Criminal Justice Association, and
25 the Georgia Bar Foundation; and

26 WHEREAS, Justice Benham's service on the Georgia Supreme Court is marked by his vision
27 and unyielding commitment to justice, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this
28 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge
29 in his honor.

30 **PART II**

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

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

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

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

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

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

47 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were recognized with numerous awards and
48 accolades, including the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Dr. Curtis
49 McClung/Motorola Award of Excellence, Georgia Sheriffs' Association Distinguished
50 Humanitarian Award, and Sheriff's Leadership Award for 50 years of service; and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence played an instrumental role in many organizations, including
52 the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia Sheriffs' Association,
53 National Sheriffs' Association, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Peace Officers'
54 Association of Georgia, Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and the 200 Club of
55 Coastal Georgia; and

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

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

63 **PART III**

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

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

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

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

76 WHEREAS, he was elected mayor of Thunderbolt in 1981 and was reelected for multiple
77 terms until he resigned on December 31, 2005, after over a quarter-century of service to the
78 town of Thunderbolt and the Coastal Empire; and

79 WHEREAS, during his 24 years as mayor, Mr. Petrea was highly regarded by the citizens
80 of his community and state and local government officials as a person of unquestioned
81 integrity and dedication to his community; and

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

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

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

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PART IV

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

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

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

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

103 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
104 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
105 dramatically by his superlative service for 12 years as Chairman of the Bryan County Board
106 of Commissioners, six years on the city council for Garden City, and four years as mayor of
107 Garden City; and

108 WHEREAS, during his tenure of public service to Bryan County, he increased public access
109 to government meetings and services, partnered with local developers to open a public park,
110 and helped achieve a homestead exemption tax for county senior citizens; and

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

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

117 **PART V**

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

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

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

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

133 WHEREAS, during his tenure of public service to Bryan County, Mr. Burnsed increased
134 public access to government meetings and services, partnered with local developers to open
135 a public park, and helped achieve a homestead exemption tax for county senior citizens; and

136 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the cooperation, foresight, and dedication
137 to the people of Bryan County demonstrated by Mr. Fowler and Mr. Burnsed be recognized
138 appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

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PART VI

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

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

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

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

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PART VII

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PART VIII

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PART IX

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

189 WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens was born on November 6, 1946, in Nashville, Georgia, the beloved
190 son of Lucille Boyd and William Howard Giddens; and

191 WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens began his prestigious career in law enforcement as a Lowndes
192 County deputy sheriff before assuming the role of chief of police for Ray City in 1975; and

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

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

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

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PART X

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

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

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

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

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

217 WHEREAS, Mrs. Newman served Bryan County with honor and distinction, and her vision
218 and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

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

221 **PART XI**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

241 **PART XII**

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

244 WHEREAS, Dawsonville, Georgia, is known as the "Moonshine Capital of Georgia"; and

245 WHEREAS, during the Prohibition Era, moonshine was made and sold to buyers in Atlanta
246 and 'trippers' from Dawsonville made a living by hauling moonshine down Highway 9; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PART XIII

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

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

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

267 WHEREAS, his vision and direction helped Griffin First Assembly grow in size and
268 influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual
269 leader and place for fellowship; and

270 WHEREAS, under his direction, ministries of Griffin First Assembly led more than 30,000
271 souls to dedicate their lives to Jesus Christ and the church grew from 450 to 5,200 Sunday
272 morning worshipers with 243 missionaries and ministries across the globe; and

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

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

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

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

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PART XIV

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

285 WHEREAS, Sheriff Peavy was interested in law enforcement from the time of his discharge
286 from the United States Army, and he ran for Sheriff in 1984 and took office on January 1,
287 1985; and

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

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

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

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

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PART XV

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PART XVI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PART XVII

347 WHEREAS, Senator Leroy Johnson was a trailblazer, and his life's work demonstrated his
348 deep commitment to uplifting the lives of Georgians; and

349 WHEREAS, a graduate of Atlanta University, Senator Johnson earned a law degree in North
350 Carolina; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PART XVIII

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

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

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

373 WHEREAS, during his tenure as a commissioner, Mr. Bowen helped pave the way for major
374 utility expansions within the county, was instrumental in the expansion of Briscoe Field, was
375 a founding member of the Council for Quality Growth, and also served as a member of the
376 Small Business Council of the United States; and

377 WHEREAS, he served on the board of the Gwinnett County Water and Sewer Authority,
378 where he oversaw the creation of the first intake plant for Lake Lanier; and

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

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

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

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

389 **PART XIX**

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

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

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

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

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

403 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
404 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
405 dedicating a road in her honor.

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PART XX

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PART XXI

431 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
432 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 113 over I-75 in Bartow County
433 is dedicated as the Justice Robert Benham Bridge.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

453 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 64 from the
454 city limit of Ray City to the Berrien County border is dedicated as the James Edward
455 Giddens Memorial Highway.

456 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 280 from
457 the Lanier Community to Black Creek Bridge in Bryan County is dedicated as the Blondean
458 Newman Highway.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

479 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that Directors Drive behind the Annex
480 Buildings at the Garden City Terminal is rededicated as Rappé Way.

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482 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 72 from
483 State Route 98 to the Elbert County line in Madison County is dedicated as the Bill Madden
484 Parkway.

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

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

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PART XXII

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

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PART XXIII

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