Senate Resolution 39
By: Senators Dixon of the 45th, Gooch of the 51st, Beach of the 21st, Miller of the 49th, Thompson of the 14th and others

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; repealing a certain resolution;
2 repealing conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

PART I

WHEREAS, the Honorable Charlotte Nash 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
6 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

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

WHEREAS, a graduate of Dacula High School in Gwinnett County, Mrs. Nash dedicated
27 years to Gwinnett County government prior to her retirement in 2004, serving in roles as
12 grants manager, budget director, director of financial services, and county administrator; and

WHEREAS, upon her retirement, Mrs. Nash went to work for a consulting firm specializing
in management and governmental and public strategy; and
WHEREAS, she was elected a chair of the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners in 2011 where her 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 Gwinnett County earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Nash's leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Gwinnett Recreation Authority, Atlanta Regional Commission, Metropolitan North Georgia Water Planning District, Association County Commissioners of Georgia, and the ATL (Atlanta-Region Transit Link); and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including being named to the 100 Most Influential Atlantans list by The Atlanta Business Chronicle every year since 2011 and being included in the 100 Most Influential Georgians by Georgia Trend since 2013; and

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

PART II

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, a native son of Berrien County, Georgia, Mr. Homer C. Sumner was born on January 17, 1922, and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Sumner made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation during World War II when he was killed in action at the Battle of the Bulge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sumner 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, his selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Sumner 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 III

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. Charlie D. Rodgers served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy and valiantly protected his fellow Americans during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodgers 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, his selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rodgers 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 IV

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. Evans served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military, valiantly and courageously defending democracy during World War I; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Evans demonstrated selfless service to this nation and an unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.
WHEREAS, Georgia is composed of miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations; and

WHEREAS, the promotion of agritourism represents a readily available and effective tool with which to spur economic development; and

WHEREAS, the portions of U.S. Highway 27 to be included in the Georgia Grown Trail wind through seven counties with miles of family owned farms; unique lodging; u-pick farms, farm stands, and hands-on educational farm experiences; farm-to-table restaurants; and establishments dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes, traditions, and time-honored progressive crop and farming techniques; and

WHEREAS, a group of concerned representatives from each county along U.S. Highway 27 came together with a mission to develop, preserve, and promote unique tourist destinations along the seven-county corridor; and

WHEREAS, the Georgia Grown Trail Association board of directors has a vision to create a unique, memorable driving experience along with residents of Catoosa, Walker, Chattooga, Floyd, Polk, Haralson, and Carroll Counties, including members of the Fort Oglethorpe Tourism Association, Walker County Chamber of Commerce, Chattooga County Chamber of Commerce, Rome's Office of Tourism, the City of Cedartown, Haralson County Chamber of Commerce, Carrollton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau, and Villa Rica Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being through agritourism.
PART VI
WHEREAS, current and former members of the American Legion Post 109 in Hartwell, Georgia, have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to serving the community and improving the lives of others through service; and

WHEREAS, they have assembled and shipped care packages to soldiers overseas, provided scholarships for deserving students, and assisted with the needs of veterans in VA hospitals and nursing homes throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, Post 109 supports the Hart County High School J.R.O.T.C. program, purchases gifts at Christmas for local veterans, and supports the American Legion Oratorical contest; and

WHEREAS, committed to showing appreciation to this nation and veterans, Post 109 hosts an annual flag disposal ceremony, places flags on the graves of fallen soldiers on Memorial Day, and produces a Memorial Day celebration at the county courthouse; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

PART VII
WHEREAS, Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston was born on June 11, 1942, in Madison County, Georgia, was raised in Franklin County, Georgia, and has spent his life serving and loving his community; and
WHEREAS, Judge Royston moved back to Madison County in 1963 after marrying his sweet wife, Patsy, whom he devotedly loved and cared for throughout their almost 55 year marriage, and was blessed with three daughters and two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, he served as an Election Day poll worker for ten years, including when the county transitioned from paper "bed sheet" ballots to Shoup lever voting machines; and

WHEREAS, Judge Royston was elected Madison County Probate Judge in 1976 and served fairly and impartially not only in court but also in overseeing the conduct and certification of elections as Elections Superintendent for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Royston coached Madison County Recreation Department softball for many years; and

WHEREAS, he is a longtime supporter of Madison County High School sports and its student athletes and to this day still tells stories of traveling throughout the state to watch the 1980 Raiderettes basketball team go undefeated and win the AAA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, he is a hard-working and dedicated member and deacon of New Hope Baptist Church located at the corner of State Route 281 and Shirley Road; and

WHEREAS, Judge Royston is a member of The Gideons International and has distributed copies of God's Word in order to plant seeds of faith; 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 VIII

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, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Dr. Tom Boswell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force and valiantly protected his fellow Americans during World War II; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Boswell enlisted after the bombing of Pearl Harbor when he was in medical school, leaving behind his books and medical career aspirations to fly a B-29 in at least 30 bombing raid missions over Japan and Tinian which paved the way for the Enola Gay to carry the atomic bomb to Japan; and

WHEREAS, his service was recognized with a Distinguished Flying Cross and after the war he and his wife, Jean, moved to Atlanta so he could finish medical school at Crawford Long and later go on to become an obstetrician; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 the couple moved to Pickens County and fell in love with the Tate area where Dr. Boswell opened a clinic to serve his small community, working during the clinic's early years without a day off and putting in 100 hour weeks while the couple and their six month old child lived in two back rooms of the clinic; and

WHEREAS, for years Jean accompanied Dr. Boswell on his house calls and worked in the clinic as a nurse, often working for the pay of a home cooked meal, eggs, chickens, or vegetables, for those who were unable to pay him money; and

WHEREAS, after 12 long years he finally took a family vacation and eventually he became staff at Pickens General Hospital from which he retired in 2000; and

WHEREAS, during his incredible 50 year career, Dr. Boswell delivered numerous current residents of Pickens, Dawson, and Cherokee counties and was known for his selfless and caring nature, never wanting a patient to worry about their ability to pay for his services; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished couple be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.
WHEREAS, General Larry Platt has long been recognized for his dedication to the principles of equality and justice and his active involvement in the political process; and

WHEREAS, at three years old, General Platt was shot in the face by the Ku Klux Klan on Asbury Street, leaving him visually impaired, and in 1966, he was run over while riding his bike; and

WHEREAS, a champion of justice, General Platt was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Hosea Williams, starting his activism at age 18; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the March on Washington in 1963 to protest for African American workers and in the historic Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery on the Edmund Pettus Bridge; and

WHEREAS, he worked with Julian Bond, James Baldwin, and James Farmer in fighting for civil rights and equality; and

WHEREAS, his nickname "General" was given to him by Reverend Hosea Williams for his heroic efforts on behalf of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, he won national attention for his socially conscious and thought-provoking song "Pants on the Ground"; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.
WHEREAS, Mayor Edna Jackson 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, Mayor Jackson was born on September 18, 1944, in Savannah, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Henry Reid and Georgia Branch Dillard; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Alfred E. Beach High School, Mayor Jackson earned bachelor's and master's degrees from Savannah State University and was active in the Youth Council of the NAACP, traveling throughout the South while in college to assist in voter registration drives and sit-in demonstrations; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson began her career as a social worker with the Economic Opportunity Authority for Savannah-Chatham County Area and, in 1971, was hired to serve as the director of the emergency school assistant program at Savannah State University, where she also served as the director of alumni affairs and coordinator of the Elderhostel Program before her retirement in 2001; and

WHEREAS, she began her political career as alderman at large on the City Council of Savannah, serving for three terms, and then served as mayor pro tempore of Savannah for two terms; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mayor Jackson became the first African American woman to be elected as mayor of Savannah, serving for one term; and
WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous awards and accolades, including the A Working Woman in Need's Top 10 Working Women of the Year Award, Outstanding Alumnus by Savannah State University, and one of the 2012 Power Women by GeorgiaTrend magazine; and

WHEREAS, her leadership has been instrumental to numerous organizations, including as the southern regional vice president and national vice president of Savannah State University and vice chairman of the Chatham County Democratic Executive Committee and World Trade Center Savannah, Chatham County Hospital Authority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, St. Phillip A.M.E. Church, the U.S. Selective Board, and the Georgia Advisory Committee for the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition, the Military Academy Selection Committee and the Regional Committee of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, Savannah Regional Second Harvest Food Bank, and Equal Opportunity Authority; and

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

PART XII

WHEREAS, Representative Bobby Lee Hill has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership in this state and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hill was born in Tignall, Georgia, and moved to Savannah in 1959, where he became a leader of the community and was known as a man who greatly enriched the lives of those who had the great fortune of knowing him; and
WHEREAS, he served as a member of the Georgia General Assembly for 14 years and was a candidate for mayor of Savannah and Lieutenant Governor; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hill's leadership and counsel were instrumental as an attorney for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund and founder and CEO of the National Legal Network, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, he served as president of the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, Savannah State NAACP, debating society of Savannah State University, and Howard University Law Students; and

WHEREAS, Representative Hill was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Georgia Trial Lawyers Association, and the Savannah State University Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous awards and accolades, including Legislator of the Year by the *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* and Man of the Year by Savannah State University; and

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

PART XIII

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, MSG Mark Allen and SGT Mike Stokely served together as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty with the Georgia Army National Guard, 108th Cavalry 48th Brigade; and

WHEREAS, these Loganville, Georgia, residents were together on May 15, 2005, when their unit saw heavy enemy action in Iraq's Triangle of Death; and

WHEREAS, on August 16, 2005, at the age of 23, SGT Stokely made the ultimate sacrifice when he was killed in action near Yusufiyah south of Bagdad; and

WHEREAS, despite the tragic loss of his friend SGT Stokely and other members of his platoon, MSG Allen rejoined an infantry unit and was deployed to Afghanistan in 2009 when he sustained a serious head injury in a firefight with enemy forces; and

WHEREAS, after a ten-year battle with his injuries and numerous surgeries, MSG Allen passed away on October 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, MSG Allen and SGT Stokely demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, their selfless service to this nation and unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and

WHEREAS, MSG Allen and SGT Stokely embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, Mr. Bradley Scott "Brad" Vines has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; 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 superlative service to Haralson County as a District 4 county commissioner; and

WHEREAS, a 1986 graduate of Haralson County High School, Mr. Vines was known as a friend to the farmers of Haralson County, and he embodied the entrepreneurial spirit of America as a small business owner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vines was a devoted husband to his wife Suzy, a loving father to his sons and daughters-in-law, and an adoring grandfather to his grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Vines was a faithful member of West View Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.
WHEREAS, Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) are institutions of higher education in the United States that were established before the Civil Rights Act of 1964, with the intention of primarily serving the African American community; and

WHEREAS, for more than 100 years, HBCUs have been educating minorities, giving them economic opportunities, and instilling great values; and

WHEREAS, Morehouse School of Medicine's past presidents include: Louis W. Sullivan, James A. Goodman, James Gavin III, David Satcher, John Maupin, and Valerie Montgomery Rice; and

WHEREAS, Spelman College's past presidents include: Sophia B. Packard, Harriet E. Giles, Lucy Hale Tapley, Florence M. Read, Albert E. Manley, Donald M. Stewart, Johnnetta B. Cole, Audrey F. Manley, and Beverly Daniel Tatum; and

WHEREAS, Morehouse College, founded by William Jefferson White, has been led by past presidents: Joseph T. Robert, Samuel T. Graves, George Sale, John Hope, Samuel H. Archer, Benjamin E. Mays, Hugh Gloster, Leroy Keith, Walter E. Massey, Robert Michael Franklin, John Silvanus Wilson, Jr., and David Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Morris Brown College, founded by Wesley John Gaines, has been led by past presidents: A. St. George Richardson; James M. Henderson; J.S. Flipper; E.W. Lee; W.A. Fountain, Sr.; John H. Lewis; William A. Fountain, Jr.; Edward C. Mitchell; Frank Cunningham; John A. Middleton; Robert Threalt; Calvert H. Smith; Samuel D. Jolley, Jr.; Delores E. Cross; Charles E. Taylor; Stanley J. Pritchett, Sr.; and Kevin E. James; and

WHEREAS, Clark Atlanta University past presidents include: Thomas W. Cole, Jr., Walter D. Broadnax, Carlton E. Brown, Ronald A. Johnson, Lucille H. Maugè, and George T. French, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

**PART XVI**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection at State Route 316 and Harbins Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Charlotte Nash Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 125 from Hillcrest Drive to Lenox-Alapaha Road in Berrien County is dedicated as the Homer C. Sumner Memorial Highway, WWII-KIA in the Battle of the Bulge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 125 from the Tift County line to Hillcrest Drive in Berrien County is dedicated as the Charlie D. Rodgers Memorial Highway.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 101 and Preacher Smith Road in Floyd County is dedicated as the Private Carl Clifton Evans Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 27 from the Georgia/Tennessee state line to the Carroll County/Heard County line is dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail 27.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of US 29 and Golf Course Road/Industrial Park Road in Hart County is dedicated as the American Legion Post 109 Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 281 from US 29 to State Route 191 in Madison County is dedicated as the Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of US 29 from State Route 8/Royston Bypass to the Hartwell city limits in Hart County is dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 108 from the Pickens/Cherokee County line to State Route 515 in Pickens County is dedicated as the Dr. Tom and Jean Boswell Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 166 over Delowe Drive in Fulton County is dedicated as the General Larry Platt Bridge.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 516 and Veterans Parkway in Chatham County is dedicated as the Mayor Edna Jackson Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 16 and Interstate 516 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Representative Bobby L. Hill Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 81 from US 78 to the Newton County line is dedicated as the MSG Mark Allen and SGT Mike Stokely Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of US 78 from Pine Grove Road to the Georgia/Alabama state line in Haralson County is dedicated as the Commissioner Bradley Scott "Brad" Vines Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 20 on Lee Street/Exit 55 in Fulton County is dedicated as the HBCU Presidents' HERO Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that Part XIX and the nineteenth undesignated paragraph of Part XXIII of Senate Resolution 844 (Ga. L. 2020, p. 832) are hereby repealed.

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 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Commissioner Charlotte Nash, Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston, General Larry Platt, and Mayor Edna Jackson; and to the families of Mr. Homer C. Sumner, Mr. Charlie D. Rodgers, Mr. Carl Evans, Dr. Tom and Jean Boswell, Representative Bobby L. Hill, MSG Mark Allen and SGT Mike Stokely, and Mr. Bradley Scott "Brad" Vines.