

House Resolution 820 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative England of the 116<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

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

### 2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James J. Boss has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
4 vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
5 citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Boss settled in Barrow County in 1866 and cultivated over 600 acres of  
7 farmland; and

8 WHEREAS, he was considered the largest farmer in the area during this time, and many of  
9 his descendants still live in the area today; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Boss diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
11 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state; and

12 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Boss was an active member of Bethabra  
13 Baptist Church; and

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

17 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
18 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
19 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

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## **PART II**

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

27 WHEREAS, parents of Gold Star recipients have suffered the loss of a child who gave the  
28 ultimate sacrifice to this nation and their fellow man; and

29 WHEREAS, while there is a Gold Star Mothers national organization which has recognized  
30 the loss suffered by mothers of Gold Star recipients since World War I, there is no national  
31 organization honoring the same loss suffered by the fathers of Gold Star recipients; and

32 WHEREAS, it is important for fathers to be publicly acknowledged for the loss they have  
33 suffered and allow them to grieve and connect with other fathers who have also lost their  
34 children; and

35 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifices of these remarkable and  
36 distinguished Georgians be honored appropriately.

37 **PART III**

38 WHEREAS, the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club was organized in 1979 to bring together  
39 teachers of J. W. Arnold Elementary School and W. A. Fountain High School, both of which  
40 served African American students in Clayton County, Georgia, prior to integration in 1969;  
41 and

42 WHEREAS, Arnold Elementary School housed grades K through five and opened in 1963  
43 with Mrs. Roberta T. Smith as the principal, whereas Fountain High School housed grades  
44 one through 12 and opened in 1951 with Mr. M.D. Roberts as the principal; and

45 WHEREAS, the mission of the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club is "to maintain contact  
46 among former educators from Fountain and Arnold Schools and interested persons in  
47 preserving the history of education in Clayton County; to promote personal and professional  
48 growth; to provide opportunities for service and assistance to youth through mentoring, role  
49 modeling, scholarship, and other acts of kindness"; and

50 WHEREAS, the 15 charter members of the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club were: Daisy  
51 Arnold, Zollie Curry, Helen Davenport, Esther Earl, Hattie Emerson, Alfretta Allen,  
52 Christine Harris, Charlotte McCoy, Verna Miller, Endy Moreland, Hazel Owens, Laura  
53 Patton, Susie Perkins, M.D. Roberts, and Virginia Roberts; and

54 WHEREAS, the members of the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club strive to promote  
55 professionalism and civic pride, provide support to members, engage in local and state

56 government regarding education policies, and evaluate major issues in the field of education;  
57 and

58 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and  
59 sacrifices of this remarkable organization be honored appropriately.

60 **PART IV**

61 WHEREAS, Reverend Joseph Jones, Sr., was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on March 6, 1926,  
62 the third of the nine children of Ernest and Carrie Jones; and

63 WHEREAS, educated in the Atlanta Public School System, Reverend Jones served as a  
64 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy and was honorably  
65 discharged as Seaman First Class, V-6, on November 28, 1945; and

66 WHEREAS, in 1945, he was united in marriage to Darnella Shell and to their loving union  
67 were born seven children; and

68 WHEREAS, he was licensed as a minister of the Gospel while a member of Norwood  
69 Tabernacle Baptist Church; and

70 WHEREAS, he worked at Lockheed Martin Aeronautics Company for over 35 years and  
71 served as a business representative for Machinist Local #709; and

72 WHEREAS, Reverend Jones was active in his community as the PTA president of Clara  
73 Maxwell Pitts Elementary School and was a member of Ashlar Smooth Masons #574; and

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

76 **PART V**

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

80 WHEREAS, Mr. Roger William Cavender served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and  
81 liberty with the United States Army during World War II; and

82 WHEREAS, Mr. Cavender valiantly and courageously stormed the beaches of Normandy  
83 and fought in the Battle of the Bulge; and

84 WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a  
85 willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his  
86 fellow man; and

87 WHEREAS, his service was recognized with numerous medals, including the Bronze Star,  
88 and after being wounded by shrapnel, Mr. Cavender declined the Purple Heart because he  
89 was afraid his family would worry about his injuries; and

90 WHEREAS, Mr. Cavender was a dedicated husband and father and was chairman of the  
91 building committee for Fairview Baptist Church when the church was being rebuilt; and

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

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

97 **PART VI**

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

101 WHEREAS, SPC Etienne J. Murphy served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty  
102 with the United States Army and was a member of the elite 75th Ranger Regiment as an  
103 anti-tank gunner; and

104 WHEREAS, a graduate of South Gwinnett High School where he excelled in the JROTC  
105 program, SPC Murphy demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy  
106 and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being  
107 of his fellow man; and

108 WHEREAS, he was serving in Syria when his life was tragically cut short during a vehicle  
109 rollover while conducting combat operations; and

110 WHEREAS, SPC Murphy was awarded the Parachutist Badge, United States Army Expert  
111 Rifle Marksmanship Qualification Badge-Carbine, Army Achievement Medal with three oak  
112 leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on  
113 Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Operation Inherent Resolve  
114 Campaign Medal with campaign star, Overseas Service Ribbon, and the Army  
115 Commendation Medal; and

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

120 **PART VII**

121 WHEREAS, Judge Larry Salmon was born on March 29, 1938, in Rome, Georgia, graduated  
122 from Armuchee High School, and spent his life serving and loving his community; and

123 WHEREAS, Judge Salmon earned his bachelor's degree and Juris Doctorate from the  
124 University of Georgia, where he was a member of the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; and

125 WHEREAS, he worked with the Parker, Clary & Kent Law Firm before he served as  
126 assistant solicitor and assistant district attorney; and

127 WHEREAS, Judge Salmon served as the Floyd County District Attorney from the early  
128 1970s until 1984 and took the bench as a superior court judge in 1989; and

129 WHEREAS, he served as served as superior court judge for almost 20 years until his  
130 retirement and, upon his retirement, went on to serve as a senior superior court judge for over  
131 a decade; and

132 WHEREAS, during his career on the bench, Judge Salmon earned a reputation as a clear  
133 thinker and hard worker, as a man whose strong convictions were supported by meticulous  
134 research and careful consideration, and as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions  
135 were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play; and

136 WHEREAS, Judge Salmon was well known throughout the Armuchee community for his  
137 knowledge of local history and was well respected by the entire community; and

138 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
139 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

140 **PART VIII**

141 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
142 citizens with the passing of City of Holly Springs Police Officer Joseph W. Burson on  
143 June 17, 2021; and

144 WHEREAS, Officer Burson was born in Atlanta, Georgia, on December 21, 1996, and was  
145 united in love and marriage to his wife, MaryKate Burson; and

146 WHEREAS, he was the beloved son of John and Frances Burson and brother to John Thomas  
147 Burson; and

148 WHEREAS, a graduate of Kell High School, Officer Burson began his career in law  
149 enforcement on November 18, 2019, as a cadet with the Holly Springs Police Department;  
150 and

151 WHEREAS, he was sworn in as police officer with the Holly Springs Police Department on  
152 March 20, 2020; and

153 WHEREAS, throughout his career, the quick thinking and good judgment of Officer Burson  
154 was instrumental in bringing multiple offenders to justice and keeping harm from others; and



155 WHEREAS, Officer Burson's life was tragically cut short when he was killed during a  
156 routine traffic stop; and

157 WHEREAS, Officer Burson was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state  
158 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
159 sound principles of law enforcement; and

160 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of  
161 others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement  
162 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

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

165 **PART IX**

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

169 WHEREAS, Sergeant James Terry Savage served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and  
170 liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously defending democracy during  
171 the Vietnam War; and

172 WHEREAS, Sergeant Savage moved to Social Circle, Georgia, in 1965 and graduated from  
173 Social Circle High School in 1968; and

174 WHEREAS, he was an Airborne Sensor Specialist flying aerial reconnaissance missions in  
175 central south Vietnam when his life was tragically cut short in an aircraft accident; and

176 WHEREAS, Sergeant Savage demonstrated selfless service to this nation and an unyielding  
177 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

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

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

182 **PART X**

183 WHEREAS, Mr. Rex J. Yerkes was recognized for the vital role that he played in leadership  
184 and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Pike County, Georgia;  
185 and

186 WHEREAS, Mr. Yerkes was devoted preserving the environment and passionate about  
187 conservation efforts on behalf of Pike County residents, working tirelessly to establish nature  
188 paths next to Pike County High School; and

189 WHEREAS, he was a founding member of the Chestnut Oaks Agriculture Center and the  
190 Stewardship of Conservation and the Environment and a member of the Towaliga Water and  
191 Soil Organization; and

192 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous other organizations,  
193 including the Lions Club and Cattlemen Association, and in his role as a volunteer firefighter  
194 for the Meansville community; and

195 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Yerkes was a member of Fincher United  
196 Methodist Church and Ebenezer United Methodist Church; and

197 WHEREAS, his vision and unyielding commitment to others and Pike County as a member  
198 of the appeals board for Pike County Building and Zoning set the standard for public service;  
199 and

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

203 **PART XI**

204 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
205 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Officer Bobbie Sue Hoenie on March 20,  
206 1998; and

207 WHEREAS, Officer Hoenie was ending her night shift at the Dawson County Jail and was  
208 en route to her part-time job in Hall County as a 911 dispatcher when she came upon a motor  
209 vehicle accident caused by fallen trees after an early morning tornado struck the area; and

210 WHEREAS, after assisting a motorist stuck in a ditch, Officer Hoenie was attempting to  
211 clear the roads of downed trees to prevent further accidents when she was struck and killed  
212 by a vehicle; and

213 WHEREAS, Officer Hoenie was the embodiment of courage, compassion, and strength; and  
214 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
215 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in her memory.

216 **PART XII**

217 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens  
218 with the passing of Sheriff Horace Irving Snider on August 19, 2021; and

219 WHEREAS, Sheriff Snider was born on December 21, 1939, in Schley County, Georgia, a  
220 beloved son of Horace and Myrtle Ward Snider; and

221 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
222 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans as a military  
223 policeman; and

224 WHEREAS, a distinguished law enforcement professional with many years of experience,  
225 Sheriff Snider served with grace and dignity for 27 and a half years as sheriff of Marion  
226 County, Georgia, the longest tenure of any sheriff in the county's history; and

227 WHEREAS, during his time as sheriff, he officiated youth programs such as the DARE  
228 education program, which taught students the skills necessary to help them avoid  
229 involvement in drugs, gangs, and violence; participated in fishing rodeos and youth sports;  
230 and served on several committees at the Georgia Sheriffs Association; and

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

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**PART XIII**

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

237 WHEREAS, SPC Adam L. Harrell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty  
238 with the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division; and

239 WHEREAS, SPC Harrell demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting  
240 democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the  
241 well-being of his fellow man during Operation Inherent Resolve; and

242 WHEREAS, his skill was recognized with an expert marksmanship badge, and he earned a  
243 reputation from his commanders and peers as a soldier who was willing to mentor and  
244 support others; and

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

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**PART XIV**

250 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Bobby  
251 Lee Cook on February 19, 2021; and

252 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was highly regarded by the citizens of this state and by members of  
253 the legal community across the country as a person of unquestioned integrity with an  
254 unparalleled commitment to defending the rights of the accused; and

255 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was born in Chattoogaville, Georgia, on February 12, 1927, where  
256 he was raised in a small rural home without running water and learned the value of personal  
257 discipline and duty through his work at his family's local grocery store; and

258 WHEREAS, he enrolled in Gordon Academy, a military school, as a teenager and lied about  
259 his age in order to enlist in the United States Navy to serve as a guardian of this nation's  
260 freedom and liberty during World War II, where he also honed his fighting skills as a boxer;  
261 and

262 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook began his legal career with his own practice in 1949 in Summerville,  
263 Georgia; and

264 WHEREAS, his personal discipline, sharp legal acumen, expansive knowledge base, fighting  
265 spirit, and devotion to helping others were evident in his representation of clients and  
266 throughout his career; and

267 WHEREAS, for decades, Mr. Cook was hired for, or consulted on, nearly every high profile  
268 case in Georgia and his practice went on to transcend Georgia, with victories in murder trials  
269 in Germany and Vietnam; and

270 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook will long be remembered for his tireless advocacy for people of all  
271 economic strata, his commitment to the legal profession through his mentorship of other  
272 attorneys and imparting knowledge at seminars, and his razor-sharp wit; and

273 WHEREAS, widely known as the Dean of Criminal Defense Lawyers, Mr. Cook's work was  
274 recognized with numerous honors and accolades throughout his prestigious career, including  
275 lifetime achievement awards by both the National and Georgia Associations of Criminal  
276 Defense Lawyers; Georgia State University College of Law School's 2017 Ben F. Johnson  
277 Jr. Public Service Award; GreenLaw's Lifetime Achievement Award; and the Small Town  
278 Lawyer Made Good Award from the State Bar of Washington; was inducted into the  
279 American Trial Lawyers Hall of Fame; and has his portrait displayed in the Georgia Supreme  
280 Court; and

281 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
282 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

283 **PART XV**

284 WHEREAS, Mr. Fred Pulliam was recognized for the vital role that he played in leadership  
285 and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Franklin County, Georgia;  
286 and

287 WHEREAS, Mr. Pulliam's legacy and appreciation for public service came from his father,  
288 Grady Pulliam, who served for many years as a justice of the peace and assisted in county  
289 elections; and

290 WHEREAS, after a storied career in the poultry industry, Mr. Pulliam served as an  
291 emergency medical technician for the Royston Ambulance Service from 1974 to 1979; and

292 WHEREAS, he served as a justice of the peace and became a deputy sheriff in 1979, a  
293 position he held for over two decades; and

294 WHEREAS, Mr. Pulliam was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
295 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

296 WHEREAS, his vision and unyielding commitment to others and Franklin County set the  
297 standard for public service; and

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

### 301 **PART XVI**

302 WHEREAS, Mr. Seixas Milner was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and served as a guardian of  
303 this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army; and

304 WHEREAS, he valiantly and courageously served for six years during World War II and  
305 spent 18 years in the armed forces, earning distinction and commendation with five  
306 Campaign Stars, a Bronze Star, and a Combat Infantry Badge; and

307 WHEREAS, after returning home to civilian life, Mr. Milner grew a successful insurance  
308 brokerage firm in Atlanta; and

309 WHEREAS, in the 1970s, he purchased over 300 acres in Barrow County, which he named  
310 Green Pastures Farm and where he raised Black Angus cattle; and

311 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Milner was a devoted member of Bethabra  
312 Baptist Church and was instrumental in procuring the stained glass windows in the church's  
313 original chapel; and



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

317 WHEREAS, Mr. Milner will long be remembered for his southern voice, hospitality, and  
318 friendly and outgoing demeanor, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend is  
319 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

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#### **PART XVII**

323 WHEREAS, Sheriff Quinton Rush grew up in Tattnall County near Glennville, Georgia,  
324 where his father instilled the spirit of public service in him as a state representative; and

325 WHEREAS, Sheriff Rush served as a driver's license examiner with the Georgia Department  
326 of Public Safety and was promoted to trooper just a year later; and

327 WHEREAS, during his service with the Georgia State Patrol, Sheriff Rush was assigned to  
328 posts in Hinesville and Reidsville before retiring as a lieutenant after 28 years of dedicated  
329 service; and

330 WHEREAS, he was elected sheriff of Tattnall County in 1996 and served for 20 years, where  
331 he was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government  
332 officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law  
333 enforcement; and

334 WHEREAS, Sheriff Rush exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding  
335 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

336 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including Georgia  
337 Sheriff of the Year in 2016 by the Georgia Sheriff's Association; and

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

340 **PART XVIII**

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

344 WHEREAS, Mr. Charlie D. Rogers served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty  
345 with the United States Navy and valiantly protected his fellow Americans during World  
346 War II; and

347 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy  
348 and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being  
349 of his fellow man; and

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

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

355 **PART XIX**

356 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hugh L. Moore was born on August 17, 1918, the beloved son of  
357 Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Moore; and

358 WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Georgia, Lt. Moore graduated from the University of  
359 Georgia in 1938 and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a pilot with  
360 the United States Armed Forces during World War II; and

361 WHEREAS, he flew at least eight missions over Germany, participated in the Battle of  
362 Midway as a pilot of a Flying Fortress bomber, and went missing in action over enemy  
363 territory in Europe on July 28, 1942; and

364 WHEREAS, Lt. Moore's bravery and courage were recognized with an Air Medal with Oak  
365 Leaf Cluster and a Purple Heart; and

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

368 **PART XX**

369 WHEREAS, Mayor Maynard Jackson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
370 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
371 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

372 WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson was born on March 23, 1938, in Dallas, Texas, the beloved son  
373 of Maynard H. Jackson, Sr., a minister, and Irene Dobbs Jackson, a French professor; and

374 WHEREAS, a graduate of Morehouse College, Mayor Jackson earned his law degree at  
375 North Carolina Central University and worked as an attorney for the National Labor  
376 Relations Board and a legal services firm in the late 1960s; and

377 WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson was elected vice mayor of Atlanta in 1969, a role later modified  
378 to be the president of the city council, and in 1973 he was elected mayor of Atlanta, the first  
379 Black mayor of a large southern city; and

380 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, he increased participation of minority owned  
381 businesses in municipal contracts, facilitated the construction of a new terminal at Hartsfield  
382 Atlanta International Airport, transformed the police department, and promoted involvement  
383 of the public in neighborhood planning; and

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

386 **PART XXI**

387 WHEREAS, Mr. Ronald Davis was born on May 24, 1939, in Fayetteville, Georgia, the  
388 beloved son of George and Carrie Davis; and

389 WHEREAS, a graduate of Fayette County High School, Mr. Davis started working in the  
390 retail clothing business at the age of 12; and

391 WHEREAS, in 1965 Mr. Davis founded Smith and Davis Clothing, which has been a staple  
392 of the Fayetteville community for 56 years; and

393 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Davis was a faithful member of Flat Creek  
394 Baptist Church for almost 40 years; and

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

398 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
399 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he  
400 made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

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#### **PART XXII**

405 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry C. Colwell was born on September 10, 1949, in Pike County,  
406 Georgia, the beloved son of J.C. Colwell, Jr., and Ann S. Colwell; and

407 WHEREAS, Mr. Colwell owned several businesses throughout his lifetime and got his start  
408 with Middle Georgia Water Systems; and

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

412 WHEREAS, Mr. Colwell was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable  
413 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of  
414 his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

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### **PART XXIII**

419 WHEREAS, Mr. C.W. Matthews moved to Cobb County, Georgia, in 1941 and worked for  
420 Florence Grading Company of Powder Springs, which was the grading contractor for Air  
421 Force Plant #6, also known as Bell Bomber Plant, which eventually became  
422 Lockheed-Georgia; and

423 WHEREAS, the son of hardworking parents, Mr. Matthews attained only an eighth-grade  
424 education but had triple doctorates in character, work ethic, and common sense, with his  
425 example inspiring many to enter business for themselves; and

426 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
427 States Army Corps of Engineers during World War II; and

428 WHEREAS, upon his return to Cobb County after the war, Mr. Matthews began C.W.  
429 Matthews Contracting Company, Inc., which he grew to one of the premier and most  
430 respected highway contracting companies in the Southeast; and

431 WHEREAS, Mrs. Myrtle Matthews was the pillar of support and encouragement for her  
432 husband throughout the company's birth and growth; and

433 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews was known to attribute his great success to hiring people who  
434 were smarter than he was and who possessed the character traits that allowed him to trust  
435 them in the presence of his family; and

436 WHEREAS, from the prosperity generated by his hard work and by the blessings of God,  
437 Mr. and Mrs. Matthews generously supported many churches, charitable works, and needy  
438 people in and beyond Cobb County; and

439 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
440 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

441 **PART XXIV**

442 WHEREAS, Ms. Joeann Compton has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
443 the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the  
444 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

445 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
446 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state, as evidenced  
447 dramatically by her superlative service with the Henry County Parks and Recreation  
448 Department as a tennis coach and mentor for athletes for over 35 years; and

449 WHEREAS, Ms. Compton organized tennis leagues, held tournaments, helped form the  
450 Henry County Tennis Association, and she was instrumental in running the Jac Roth Free  
451 Tennis Clinic; and

452 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Momma Jo," Ms. Compton's tireless work ethic were  
453 instrumental in the Henry County Tennis Association's expansion of six tennis courts at  
454 Richard Craig Tennis Park; and

455 WHEREAS, in addition to her work with Henry County Parks, Ms. Compton served as a  
456 tennis coach at McDonough High School, where she instilled self-esteem in her student-  
457 athletes and encouraged them to achieve academic excellence, which served them both on  
458 and off the tennis court; and

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

461 **PART XXV**

462 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cheri Hobson-Matthews and Mr. Andrew Jackson Welch III have long  
463 been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that they have played in  
464 leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

465 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hobson-Matthews began her career with Henry County in 2002 as a  
466 planner and served as chief planner, director and assistant director of planning and zoning,  
467 director of transportation planning, interim division director for community development,  
468 and deputy county manager prior to her current position as county manager; and



469 WHEREAS, a graduate and Eisenhower Fellow of Alabama A&M University,  
470 Mrs. Hobson-Matthews earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from the university and  
471 has been a member of the American Planning Association since 1995; and

472 WHEREAS, a graduate of Presbyterian College, Mr. Welch served as a United States Peace  
473 Corps Volunteer in Ghana, West Africa, and earned a master's degree and law degree from  
474 Vermont Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the school's environmental law  
475 journal; and

476 WHEREAS, Mr. Welch diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
477 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced  
478 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Georgia General Assembly as a  
479 state representative for Henry County; and

480 WHEREAS, both Mrs. Hobson-Matthews and Mr. Welch have served with honor and  
481 distinction on behalf of the citizens of Henry County, and their vision and unyielding  
482 commitment have set the standard for public service; and

483 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
484 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in their honor.

485 **PART XXVI**

486 WHEREAS, Mr. Jesse Thomas Blalock, has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
487 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
488 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

489 WHEREAS, Mr. Blalock diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
490 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
491 dramatically by his superlative service with the Jonesboro Colored School PTA and the  
492 Clayton County Civic League; and

493 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Blalock was a longtime member of Shiloh  
494 Baptist Church in Jonesboro, Georgia, where he served as a deacon and chair of the building  
495 committee, leading efforts to build a new sanctuary after the original church burned; and

496 WHEREAS, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his  
497 sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of  
498 his colleagues and associates; and

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

501 **PART XXVII**

502 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ethel Oliver Rogers was born on July 2, 1922, in Cohutta, Georgia, the  
503 beloved daughter of George Washington and Sarah Jane Oliver and was called home to be  
504 with the Lord on January 6, 1997; and

505 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers was a lifelong resident of Cohutta, where she operated two general  
506 stores on Wolfe Street with her daughters, Mary Frances and Virginia, and her sister Etta  
507 Oliver Wolfe until Etta's passing in 1975, from the late 1930s until the late 1970s; and

508 WHEREAS, the General Merchandise Store was a gathering place for members of the  
509 community and remains in the hearts and minds of many Cohutta residents through stories

510 of the sisters "Etter" and Ethel, simple times spent in fellowship, and the store's famous  
511 hand-dipped ice cream; and

512 WHEREAS, along with her love of gardening and mowing her own yard for as long as her  
513 health would allow, Mrs. Rogers also held chief among her joys being known as "Granny  
514 Rogers" to her eight grandchildren and others, as well as sitting on her front porch with her  
515 youngest grandchild watching trains come through town on the Norfolk Southern line, which  
516 inspired in him a lifelong love of train engines and transportation; and

517 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers was a faithful member of the Cohutta First Baptist Church, where  
518 she was known for providing candy to the children in Sunday school and where she never  
519 met a stranger without humbly sharing her faith and love for every soul; and

520 WHEREAS, Mrs. Rogers was a kind, gentle, and loving person who persevered through life's  
521 difficult challenges while never wavering in her faith, her love for all, and her duty to her  
522 family and her community; and

523 WHEREAS, July 2, 2022, will mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Mrs. Rogers, and  
524 it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be  
525 recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

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### **PART XXVIII**

527 WHEREAS, Senator Jeff Mullis has a long and consistent record of service to the  
528 community and to this state, and he has been recognized as one of the most dynamic and  
529 committed citizens of Georgia; and

530 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
531 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
532 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia State Senate; and

533 WHEREAS, Senator Mullis was first elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2000 to serve  
534 Senate District 53 and is currently the longest serving Republican in the Senate, and he has  
535 announced that he will not seek reelection; and

536 WHEREAS, born and raised in Chickamauga, Georgia, Senator Mullis was formerly a fire  
537 chief and is an economic developer in Northwest Georgia for the Northwest Joint  
538 Development Authority; and

539 WHEREAS, Senator Mullis is currently the chairman of the Senate Rules Committee and the  
540 chairman of the Economic Development Subcommittee of Senate Appropriations and has  
541 served on multiple other committees during his time in the Senate; and

542 WHEREAS, Senator Mullis also chairs the Senate Music Committee and the Halls of Fame  
543 Joint Committee, and he is the chairman emeritus of the Sportsman Caucus, whose mission  
544 is to promote and protect hunting, fishing, and the Second Amendment; and

545 WHEREAS, he has been recognized by *Georgia Trend* magazine as one of the "100 Most  
546 Influential People in Georgia" for six consecutive years, and *James Magazine* listed him as  
547 one of the "Most Influential Political Leaders in Georgia" for eight consecutive years; and

548 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
549 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

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**PART XXIX**

551 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
552 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 211 and Old Hog  
553 Mountain/Covered Bridge Road in Barrow County is dedicated as the James J. Boss  
554 Memorial Roundabout.

555 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 139 from  
556 Church Street to State Route 85 in Clayton County is dedicated as the Gold Star Fathers of  
557 Georgia Highway.

558 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 54 from the  
559 Clayton/Fayette line to U.S. 41 in Clayton County is dedicated as the Arnold-Fountain  
560 Professional Club Highway.

561 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 70 at  
562 Interstate 285 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Rev. Joseph Jones, Sr., and Darnella Jones  
563 Memorial Bridge.

564 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 372 from  
565 Ball Ground Highway to Interstate 575 in Cherokee and Pickens counties is dedicated as the  
566 Roger W. Cavender Memorial Highway.

567 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 78 and  
568 Oak Drive in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the SPC Etienne J. Murphy Memorial  
569 Intersection.

570 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 1/U.S.  
571 27 and Little Texas Valley Road in Floyd County is dedicated as the Judge Larry Salmon  
572 Memorial Intersection.

573 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 575 at  
574 Exit 11 in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Officer Joseph W. Burson Memorial  
575 Interchange.

576 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the State Route 11/Social Circle  
577 Bypass bridge at the Little River in Walton County is dedicated as the Sergeant James Terry  
578 Savage Memorial Bridge.

579 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 109 over  
580 Gola Creek in Pike County is dedicated as the Rex J. Yerkes Memorial Bridge.

581 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 53 from the  
582 Hall/Forsyth County line to Little Hall Road in Hall County is dedicated as the Officer  
583 Bobbie S. Hoenie Memorial Highway.

584 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 26 from  
585 mile marker 15 to mile marker 16 in Marion County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Sheriff  
586 Horace Snider Memorial Mile.

587 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 8 and  
588 State Route 378/Beaver Ruin Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the SPC Adam L.  
589 Harrell Memorial Intersection.

590 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at State Route 48 and  
591 State Route 157 in Chattooga County is dedicated as the Bobby Lee Cook Memorial  
592 Intersection.

593 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 51 over the  
594 Middle Fork Broad River in Franklin County is dedicated as the Fred Pulliam Memorial  
595 Bridge.

596 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 211 from  
597 the intersection of Old Hog Mountain Road/Covered Bridge Road to the Little Mulberry  
598 River Bridge in Barrow County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Seixas Milner Memorial  
599 Highway.

600 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 144 from  
601 mile marker 6 to mile marker 11 in Tattnall County, Georgia, is dedicated as the Quinton  
602 Rush Highway.

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604 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 125 from  
605 the Tift County line to Hillcrest Drive in Berrien County is dedicated as the Charlie D.  
606 Rogers Memorial Highway WW II - US Navy.

607 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Nashville Tifton  
608 Highway/State Route 125 between the Virgil T. Barber Bridge and the City of Nashville in  
609 Berrien County is dedicated as the Lieutenant Hugh L. Moore Memorial Bridge, WW II MIA  
610 Purple Heart Recipient.

611 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate  
612 75/Interstate 85 and State Route 10 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Maynard Jackson  
613 Interchange.

614 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 54 and  
615 Ebenezer Road in Fayette County is dedicated as the Ronald Davis Memorial Intersection.

616 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 19 and Old  
617 Zebulon Road in Pike County is dedicated as the Jerry C. Colwell Memorial Intersection.

618 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120/Dallas  
619 Highway from John Ward Road to Barrett Parkway in Cobb County is dedicated as the C.W.  
620 and Myrtle Matthews Memorial Highway.

621 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 155 from  
622 Commerce Place to College Street in Henry County is dedicated as the Joeann Compton  
623 Highway.

624 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 at  
625 Bethlehem Road (GDOT Project #0017182) in Henry County is dedicated as the Cheri  
626 Hobson-Matthews and Andrew Jackson Welch III Interchange.

627 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 54 over the  
628 Flint River near Thomas Road in Clayton County is dedicated as the Jesse Thomas Blalock  
629 Bridge.



630 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 71 and  
631 Wolfe Street/Old Dalton Cleveland Highway in Whitfield County is dedicated as the Ethel  
632 Oliver "Granny" Rogers Memorial Intersection.

633 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 341  
634 and Lee Clarkson Road in Walker County is dedicated as the Senator Jeff Mullis  
635 Intersection.

636 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that:

637 (1) Part IV of House Resolution 1041, approved February 10, 2006 (Ga. L. 2006, p. 8), is  
638 hereby repealed;

639 (2) Part III and the third undesignated paragraph of Part XVI of Senate Resolution 39,  
640 approved May 10, 2021 (Ga. L. 2021, p. 897), are hereby repealed; and

641 (3) Part II and the second undesignated paragraph of Part XX of House Resolution 444,  
642 approved May 8, 2018 (Ga. L. 2018, p. 1004), are hereby repealed.

643 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
644 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this  
645 resolution and remove any signs in order to effectuate the purpose of this resolution.

646 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
647 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
648 Department of Transportation; to the Arnold-Fountain Professional Club; Ms. Joann  
649 Compton; Mrs. Cheri Hobson-Matthews; Mr. Andrew Jackson Welch III; and Senator Jeff  
650 Mullis; and to the families of Mr. James J. Boss; Reverend Joseph Jones, Sr., Darnella Jones;  
651 Mr. Roger William Cavender; SPC Etienne J. Murphy; Judge Larry Salmon; Officer Joseph  
652 W. Burson; Sergeant James Terry Savage; Mr. Rex J. Yerkes; Officer Bobbie Sue Hoenie;

653 Sheriff Horace Irving Snider; SPC Adam L. Harrell; Mr. Bobby Lee Cook; Mr. Fred Pulliam;  
654 Mr. Seixas Milner; Sheriff Quinton Rush; Mr. Charlie D. Rogers; Lieutenant Hugh L.  
655 Moore; Mayor Maynard Jackson; Mr. Ronald Davis; Mr. Jerry C. Colwell; C.W. and Myrtle  
656 Matthews; Mr. Jesse Thomas Blalock; and Mrs. Ethel Oliver Rogers.