

Senate Resolution 7

By: Senator Dolezal of the 27th

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A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial Highway was sponsored
4 by Senator Bo Hatchett as SR 583 in the 2024 Session; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert F. Sullivan has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
6 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
7 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan was born on September 21, 1927, the beloved son of Franklin
9 Clyde and Minnie Valdivia "Dee" Gillespie Sullivan and served as a guardian of this nation's
10 freedom and liberty with the United States Navy during the Korean War; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Sullivan earned his medical degree from Emory University, began his
12 medical practice in Carnesville, Georgia, in 1957, and served as chief of staff for Cobb
13 Memorial Hospital in Royston, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
15 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
16 dramatically by his superlative service as president of the Carnesville Lions Club; and

17 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Dr. Sullivan was a lifelong member of
18 Carnesville Methodist Church; and

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

21 **PART II**

22 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Lary Jack Moree Memorial Bridge was sponsored by
23 Senator Sam Watson as SR 612 in the 2024 Session; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Lary Jack Moree has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
25 the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
26 of the citizens of Georgia; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Moree was born on November 9, 1942, the beloved son of R.V. and Miltie
28 Jeanette Johnson Moree and was the owner and operator of Moree's Grocery and Liquor
29 Store, the family business he took over from his father; and

30 WHEREAS, an avid golfer, Mr. Moree gave inspiration to many through his high ideals,
31 morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens; and

32 WHEREAS, the devotion, patience, and understanding Mr. Moree demonstrated to his
33 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

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

39 **PART III**

40 WHEREAS, the dedication of the "Coach" Jerry L. Waller, Sr., and Frances R. Waller
41 Memorial Intersection was sponsored by Senator Steve Gooch as SR 633 in the 2024
42 Session; and

43 WHEREAS, Jerry Lee Waller, Sr., was born in Cobb County to the late Gordon Lee Waller
44 and Frances Ocille Smith Waller on March 12, 1938, and was called home to be with the
45 Lord on September 13, 2006; and

46 WHEREAS, Mary Frances Rogers Waller, who went by Frances, was born in Cohutta to the
47 late Lloyd Rogers and Ethel Oliver Rogers on July 5, 1940, and was called home to be with
48 the Lord on March 27, 2022; and

49 WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances met and fell in love at Berry College in Rome, Georgia,
50 married on August 26, 1961, and built their lives together and raised a family encompassing
51 six children, 14 grandchildren, and growing numbers of great-grandchildren; and

52 WHEREAS, from 1966 and thereafter, Jerry and Frances raised their family in the same
53 home on Lakewood Drive until their passings and played important roles in their community
54 and in their church, the Gospel Light Baptist Tabernacle; and

55 WHEREAS, Jerry began his career as a school teacher along with Frances before moving
56 back to Cobb County to join the manufacturing industry, culminating in almost 25 years
57 working for Lockheed Martin in Marietta supporting the production of C-130s; and

58 WHEREAS, Frances's passion was for education and children which was demonstrated by
59 her calling to be an elementary school teacher with over 20 years of service at four schools:
60 Coosa Elementary, Johnson Elementary, Lockheed Elementary, and Marietta Christian
61 School; and

62 WHEREAS, Frances never stopped being an educator, with a great sense of dry humor, to
63 the young and the old until the day she left this world; and

64 WHEREAS, Jerry and Frances made youth baseball and sports a family endeavor, making
65 Adams Park in Kennesaw a second home with five children cycling through the park for over
66 two decades; and

67 WHEREAS, Jerry inspired leadership traits in his children through taking on various roles
68 including coach, umpire, and president of the Kennesaw Baseball Association; and

69 WHEREAS, Jerry, a deacon, and Frances, a Sunday school teacher, were anchored by their
70 faith and called to serve family, friends, and strangers by opening up their home and offering
71 their resources to those in need for over 45 years; and

72 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
73 Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

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PART IV

75 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Dr. Jim Morrow Memorial Intersection was sponsored by
76 Senator Greg Dolezal as SR 631 in the 2024 Session; and

77 WHEREAS, Dr. Jim Morrow dedicated 43 years to providing compassionate care as a family
78 medicine physician, a gifted diagnostician, and a beloved friend to his patients and
79 colleagues; and

80 WHEREAS, a graduate of Clemson University and the University of South Carolina,
81 Dr. Morrow was the CEO of Morrow Family Medicine, a state of the art family practice in
82 Cumming, Georgia, for ten years, where he was adored by his staff as a mentor, a friend, and
83 a trusted physician and earned the titles of the "Top 25 Place to Work in Atlanta" and the
84 "Best in Forsyth" in family medicine; and

85 WHEREAS, Dr. Morrow's leadership was invaluable to organizations such as the
86 Certification Commission for Healthcare Information Technology and the Health
87 Information Management and Systems Society (HIMSS); and

88 WHEREAS, his talent was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2014
89 Steve Bloom Entrepreneur of the Year by the Cumming Forsyth Chamber of Commerce, the
90 Phoenix Award as Community Leader of the Year from the Metro Atlanta Chamber of
91 Commerce, the HIMSS Primary Care Davies Award, the HIMSS Physician IT Leader of the
92 Year, and the Distinguished Humanitarian Physician Alumni of the Year Award from the
93 University of South Carolina School of Medicine; and

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

PART V

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97 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston Memorial Intersection
98 was sponsored by Senator Nan Orrock as SR 774 in the 2024 Session; and

99 WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston was born on March 30, 1915, in Lanette,
100 Alabama, the youngest of 11 siblings born to Hope and Mary Winston; and

101 WHEREAS, a graduate of Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Winston
102 attended Clark College and dedicated his life to enriching and uplifting young children at the
103 historic Butler Street YMCA, which served as the only Black YMCA in the city; and

104 WHEREAS, while at the Butler Street YMCA, he served as a mentor to future leaders such
105 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Vernon Jordan, Jesse Hill, Herman Russell, Maynard Jackson,
106 Walt Frazier, Ambassador Andrew Young, and countless others; and

107 WHEREAS, his contributions to the community were recognized in 1995 when the Butler
108 Street YMCA constructed a new branch and named the facility the J.D. Winston YMCA; and

109 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Winston was an active and faithful
110 member of the Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he served in numerous capacities,
111 including as a Sunday school teacher; and

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

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PART VI

115 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Lawhorne Memorial Intersection was sponsored by
116 Representative Brent Cox as HR 1118 in the 2024 Session; and

117 WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne, Karolyn "Karri" Marie, and Tabbatha Rene' Lawhorne passed
118 away in a tragic car accident on May 17, 1998; and

119 WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne Lawhorne was born on May 16, 1980, and was a cheerleader,
120 cross-country runner, and a budding actress; and

121 WHEREAS, Kristi Jayne had a great love for Jesus and after her passing it was discovered
122 that she had a list of over 100 people for whom she prayed daily; and

123 WHEREAS, Tabbatha Rene' Lawhorne was born in June 18, 1982, and was a standout soccer
124 and softball player; and

125 WHEREAS, Tabbatha was a compassionate and generous soul, who went out of her way to
126 help others in their time of need; and

127 WHEREAS, Karolyn "Karri" Marie Lawhorne was born on December 18, 1983, and was
128 beautiful both inside and out; and

129 WHEREAS, Karri loved her family and friends fiercely and was known as the life of the
130 party as a talented singer, star athlete, and an amazing artist; and

131 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
132 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

PART VII

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134 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Michael Anthony Woodall Memorial Intersection was
135 sponsored by Representative Patty Marie Stinson as HR 1162 in the 2024 Session; and

136 WHEREAS, Mr. Michael Anthony Woodall was a dedicated and faithful public servant
137 whose life was tragically cut short on June 15, 2023, during service as the District 3 assistant
138 highway maintenance foreman with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

139 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
140 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
141 dramatically by his superlative service after numerous severe weather incidents in this state;
142 and

143 WHEREAS, he played a vital role for the Georgia Department of Transportation and was
144 known for his willingness to do whatever was necessary to ensure roads in this state were
145 clear and safe for travel; and

146 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall began his career with the department in 2018 as an equipment
147 operator and worked his way up to assistant foreman in Columbus; and

148 WHEREAS, he was known by his colleagues and others as a very kind and generous person
149 who was always willing to help and who never once hesitated when performing his job
150 duties; and

151 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodall will always be remembered for his love of the outdoors, the
152 Georgia Bulldogs, and his unyielding commitment that set the standard for public service;
153 and

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

156 **PART VIII**

157 WHEREAS, the dedication of the George R. Eusner Memorial Bridge was sponsored by
158 Representative Patty Marie Stinson as HR 1227 in the 2024 Session; and

159 WHEREAS, Mr. George R. Eusner was raised in Monticello, New York, and graduated from
160 Virginia Polytechnic Institute in 1942; and

161 WHEREAS, his work transformed the refractory industry, as the vice president of the
162 refractories and mineral technologies division at U.S. Steel and executive vice president of
163 Davis Fire Brick Company; and

164 WHEREAS, in 1964, Mr. Eusner saw a need for calcined mullite for the refractory market,
165 which led him to Andersonville, Georgia, where local raw materials were available through
166 the Georgia Kaolin Company, and he joined forces with Mr. Lewis Eastern, mayor of
167 Andersonville, to build a small plant that could produce 50 tons per week of high-quality
168 calcine mullite; and

169 WHEREAS, he founded Mullite Company of America shortly thereafter, which became a
170 major player in the industry known for its innovative technology and commitment to quality,
171 and it continues to make a positive economic impact for Sumter, Schley, and Macon
172 counties; and

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

PART IX

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176 WHEREAS, the dedication of the US Army Cpl. Dewey E. Lewis Jr., Memorial Bridge was
177 sponsored by Representative John Corbett as HR 1228 in the 2024 Session; and

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

181 WHEREAS, Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr., was a guardian of this nation's freedom and
182 liberty with the United States Army, serving in the Korean War; and

183 WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis was reported missing in action on December 2, 1950, after his
184 unit came under attack during an advance along the eastern banks of the Chosin Reservoir
185 in North Korea; and

186 WHEREAS, it was reported that Corporal Rewis was held as a prisoner of war and died in
187 an area called the Death Valley, which served as a collection point for United Nations
188 prisoners, but his remains were not returned home to his family and accounted for until
189 October 25, 2022; and

190 WHEREAS, Corporal Rewis demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding
191 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States in giving the ultimate
192 sacrifice will be remembered always; and

193 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater
194 than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
195 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART X

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197 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Chairman Pete Liakakis Memorial Highway was
198 sponsored by Representative Carl Gilliard as HR 1250 in the 2024 Session; and

199 WHEREAS, Mr. Peter "Pete" Liakakis was born on January 9, 1932, in Savannah, Georgia,
200 and attended Savannah High School; and

201 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
202 States Air Force, was trained as a bomb disposal expert, and worked as the deputy director
203 of civil defense during the Cold War Era and as a covert intelligence officer; and

204 WHEREAS, Mr. Liakakis operated several firework retail stores in Savannah and a small
205 chain of Pal Convenience Stores before founding the United Security Agency and later the
206 United Detective Agency, where he earned a well deserved reputation for getting results for
207 his clients; and

208 WHEREAS, he provided security detail for the stars and sets of several movies filmed in
209 Savannah and went on to co-produce films and television programs with Burt Reynolds
210 through their production company, Sun Classic Pictures; and

211 WHEREAS, later in life, Mr. Liakakis worked in politics as a campaign manager and adviser
212 before running for office himself in 1995 at age 63, when he was elected as alderman at large
213 for the Savannah City Council; and

214 WHEREAS, he later served on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as chairman
215 and held leadership roles for the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the executive committee

216 of the American Cancer Society, Savannah Tech Foundation, and the Beach Institute, to
217 name just a few; and

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

220 **PART XI**

221 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Frances Bright Johnson Memorial Interchange was
222 sponsored by Representative Carl Gilliard as HR 1251 in the 2024 Session; and

223 WHEREAS, Mrs. Frances Bright Johnson was born on April 17, 1937, the beloved daughter
224 of Robert Bryant, Sr., and Rosa Lee Williams; and

225 WHEREAS, Mrs. Johnson was raised in Garden City, Georgia, and graduated from Richard
226 Arnold High School; and

227 WHEREAS, an active leader of her community, Mrs. Johnson was a lifetime member of the
228 NAACP, served for ten years as chairperson of the Political Advisory Council, was a
229 member of the Chatham County Federation of Democratic Women, and was a member of
230 the YMCA and YWCA Executive Board Democratic Forum; and

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

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

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

239 **PART XII**

240 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams
241 Memorial Interchange was sponsored by Representative Carl Gilliard as HR 1253 in the
242 2024 Session; and

243 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams have long been
244 recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital roles that they have played in leadership
245 and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

246 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams was a renowned civil rights leader whose work was
247 crucial in achieving one of the civil rights movement's greatest accomplishments, the passage
248 of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill and the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

249 WHEREAS, born on January 5, 1926, Rev. Dr. Williams was orphaned at the age of ten after
250 his blind mother passed away, yet he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry from
251 Morris Brown College, earn a Purple Heart for his heroic service during World War II, and
252 become a renowned research chemist with the United States Department of Agriculture; and

253 WHEREAS, Rep. Juanita Williams graduated third in her class at Savannah State College
254 and earned a master's degree from Atlanta University; and

255 WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1984 and diligently
256 and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the
257 betterment of her community and state for four terms; and

258 WHEREAS, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to "clothe the naked and
259 feed the hungry," Rev. Dr. and Rep. Williams founded the Hosea Feed the Hungry and
260 Homeless aid organization in 1970, which is currently the largest direct-to-client food service
261 organization in the Southeast and a provider of medical and educational aid in Haiti and
262 Philippines; and

263 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
264 Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

265 **PART XIII**

266 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Bobby Thomas Highway was sponsored by Representative
267 Lauren McDonald, III, as HR 1300 in the 2024 Session; and

268 WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Thomas was born in 1946 in Cumming, Georgia, graduated from
269 Forsyth County High School, and earned a bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute of
270 Technology; and

271 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
272 States Navy; and

273 WHEREAS, the Thomas family roots in Forsyth County run deep, with the family's origins
274 dating to before the Civil War and operating the Thomas Lumber Company since 1927; and

275 WHEREAS, as the current owner of Thomas Lumber Company, Mr. Thomas takes pride in
276 providing customers with the highest quality lumber products in pine, cypress, Brazilian
277 hardwood, and cedar; and

278 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas' significant organizational and leadership talents have been
279 invaluable to numerous organizations, including the Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of
280 Commerce, Rotary Club of Forsyth County, and the board of People's Bank of Forsyth
281 County; and

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

284 **PART XIV**

285 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Jeff Downing Intersection was sponsored by
286 Representative Rick Jasperse as HR 1325 in the 2024 Session; and

287 WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Downing has long been recognized by the citizens of Pickens County
288 and this state for the vital leadership role that he has played in his community and the
289 supermarket industry; and

290 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing began his grocery career in the tenth grade, working his way up
291 to leadership positions for Big Star Food Markets and A&P; and

292 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Downing and his wife Sandy opened and operated Foothills IGA
293 in Marble Hill, Georgia, until his retirement in 2023; and

294 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing has earned many professional awards, including the IGA 2015
295 USA International Retailer of the Year award and the Georgia Food Industry Association's
296 2015 Legacy Award; and

297 WHEREAS, he has served in leadership positions in a number of philanthropic
298 organizations, including the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce, Good Samaritan Health
299 and Wellness Center, CARES food bank, Rotary Club, Hope House, Pickens First
300 Foundation for Childhood Literacy, Georgia Food Industry Association, and the Georgia
301 Food Industry Education Foundation; and

302 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing was named 2014 Pickens County Citizen of the Year in honor of
303 his leadership and his service to the community; and

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

306 **PART XV**

307 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Maceo A. Brown Memorial Intersection was sponsored
308 by Representative Mesha Mainor as HR 1326 in the 2024 Session; and

309 WHEREAS, Mr. Maceo A. Brown was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Henry McNeil
310 Turner High School; and

311 WHEREAS, he became a certified electrician in 1974 and began his own business, Maceo A.
312 Brown Electrical Contractors, which provides residential and commercial electrical services;
313 and

314 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown established System 5 Electronics, which provides residential and
315 commercial alarm system installation and monitoring; and

316 WHEREAS, in 2007, he founded MACEO's Kids, Inc., (Mentoring Aspiring CEO's), to
317 bring intelligent, compassionate, and dedicated members of the business community together
318 in pursuit of providing local youth with the opportunities and tools to grow as successful
319 members of society; and

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

322 **PART XVI**

323 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Carolyn Long Banks Memorial Intersection was sponsored
324 by Representative Mesha Mainor as HR 1327 in the 2024 Session; and

325 WHEREAS, Mrs. Carolyn Lucille Long Banks was born on October 30, 1940, in Atlanta,
326 Georgia, the beloved daughter of Mr. Ralph A. Long, Sr., and Mrs. Rubye Carolyn Hall
327 Long; and

328 WHEREAS, a graduate of Turner High School, Mrs. Banks attended Clark College where
329 she became an active leader with the Atlanta Student Movement, which was a formidable
330 force for change and mobilized students for marches, sit ins, and boycotts for civil rights and
331 justice; and

332 WHEREAS, her leadership and dedication helped the Atlanta Student Movement see the
333 integration of local businesses and city facilities; and

334 WHEREAS, in 1980, Mrs. Banks became the first African American woman to serve on the
335 Atlanta City Council, where she spearheaded Atlanta's Proctor Creek Infrastructure Plan to
336 support African American communities and co-sponsored the Freedom Parkway
337 compromise; and

338 WHEREAS, she initiated a Children's Defense Fund partnership with cities across the nation
339 to improve youth civic engagement and served as president of the National League of Cities;
340 and

341 WHEREAS, Mrs. Banks was a member of the University of Georgia Municipal Leadership
342 Institute, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Leadership Atlanta, Atlanta Business League,
343 NAACP, National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and Southwest Cascade Garden Club; and

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

346 **PART XVII**

347 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison Memorial Interchange was
348 sponsored by Representative Holt Persinger as HR 1328 in the 2024 Session; and

349 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
350 with the passing of Mr. Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison on August 2, 2022; and

351 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison graduated from the University of Georgia with a master's degree
352 in horticulture in 1971; and

353 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
354 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
355 dramatically by his superlative service with the County Extension Service, beginning with
356 Elbert County and later transferring to Barrow County; and

357 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental to numerous organizations, including the
358 Barrow County Board of Education, Barrow County Board of Commissioners, the Rotary
359 Club, and Walton-Barrow Board of Realtors; and

360 WHEREAS, Mr. Garrison established the Barrow County Cattleman's Association and
361 served as president of the Barrow County Farm Bureau; and

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

364 **PART XVIII**

365 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Ricky Dykes Intersection was sponsored by Representative
366 Danny Mathis as HR 1332 in the 2024 Session; and

367 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard "Ricky" Alan Dykes was born on August 10, 1954, in
368 Hawkinsville, Georgia, and graduated from Cochran High School; and

369 WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes worked loading hay for erosion control and learned every aspect of
370 the road-building industry during his first job with the family owned Everett Dykes Grassing
371 Company; and

372 WHEREAS, he has served in numerous capacities for the company over the years and
373 continues to provide leadership and support as a consultant and advisor; and

374 WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes' expertise and leadership have been invaluable to the Georgia
375 Highway Contractors Association, where he has served on the board of directors and as
376 president; and

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

379 **PART XIX**

380 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Van Dykes Railway Overpass was sponsored by
381 Representative Danny Mathis as HR 1333 in the 2024 Session; and

382 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Van Dykes has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
383 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
384 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

385 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
386 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
387 dramatically by his 40 years of service in the road construction industry and as president and
388 CEO of Everett Dykes Grassing Co., Inc.; and

389 WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes served with unyielding commitment as president of the Georgia
390 Highway Contractors Association from 2004 to 2011; and

391 WHEREAS, he has earned distinction for his dedication to his community and profession
392 including the Citizen of the Year Award from the Cochran Bleckley Chamber in 1998; and

393 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
394 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
395 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

396 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
397 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an overpass in his honor.

398 **PART XX**

399 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Colonel Ben Malcom Memorial Bridge was sponsored by
400 Representative Josh Bonner as HR 1334 in the 2024 Session; and

401 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most noble,
402 patriotic, and selfless citizens with the passing of Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom on
403 October 30, 2023; and

404 WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was born on December 20, 1928, in Monroe, Georgia, a
405 beloved son of Jamie and Mamie Malcom; and

406 WHEREAS, during his 29 years of distinguished service to the United States Army, he
407 demonstrated unwavering commitment and bravery in staff and command positions
408 throughout the United States and Europe as well as during combat tours in Korea and
409 Vietnam and was recalled many times to active duty as a result of his highly important and
410 relevant operations in North Korea; and

411 WHEREAS, his final position on active duty as garrison commander of three United States
412 Army installations and his induction into the Georgia Military Hall of Fame in 2020 stand
413 as testament to his outstanding leadership and service; and

414 WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was further recognized through numerous awards and
415 decorations, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Aviation Badge, Airborne Badge, four
416 awards of the Legion of Merit, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge—the first Special
417 Forces soldier to ever receive this honor; and

418 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service and the will to find meaning in something
419 greater than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and
420 distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

421 **PART XXI**

422 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Cameron Scroggins Memorial Bridge was sponsored by
423 Representative Mike Cameron as HR 1335 in the 2024 Session; and

424 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Cameron" Scroggins was born on October 15, 1997, in East Ridge,
425 Tennessee, and spent most of his life in Chickamauga, Georgia; and

426 WHEREAS, Mr. Scroggins developed non-Hodgkin's lymphoma early in life and relapsed
427 four times; and

428 WHEREAS, even through his treatments and pain, Mr. Scroggins remained optimistic in life
429 and always encouraged others to volunteer for the bone marrow registry, paving the way for
430 countless donations and lives saved; and

431 WHEREAS, he was a talented football player and proudly wore #39 for the Fighting Trojans
432 at Gordon Lee High School; and

433 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous soul, Mr. Scroggins will long be remembered
434 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son and friend continues to be sorely
435 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

438 **PART XXII**

439 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens Memorial
440 Interchange was sponsored by Representative Edna Jackson as HR 1336 in the 2024 Session;
441 and

442 WHEREAS, Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens has long been recognized by the
443 citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership in this state and his deep
444 personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

445 WHEREAS, Representative Stephens was born on April 4, 1944, and graduated from
446 A.E. Beach High School and Savannah State University in Savannah, Georgia; and

447 WHEREAS, he spent over three decades as an educator, teaching at both Richard Arnold
448 High and Savannah High, where he was the head coach for girl's basketball and girl's track
449 teams and an assistant football coach for 17 years; and

450 WHEREAS, Representative Stephens began his career in public service and politics in 2002
451 when he was elected to his first term in the Georgia House of Representatives; and

452 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Savannah-Chatham School Board in 2006 and served until
453 winning back his House seat in 2009, ably and adeptly representing the citizens of the
454 165th House District until his passing in 2021; and

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

457 **PART XXIII**

458 WHEREAS, the dedication of the J. Richard Smith Memorial Intersection was sponsored by
459 Representative J. Collins as HR 1355 in the 2024 Session; and

460 WHEREAS, Mr. James "Richard" Smith was born on February 14, 1940, the beloved son
461 of the late Carl Reese Smith and Reba Mae Walker Smith; and

462 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's first job in Villa Rica was in 1967 as the general manager for the
463 Richard's Motor Company Ford Dealership and he went on to purchase the dealership with
464 his brother, Donald; and

465 WHEREAS, in addition to co-founding Don-Rich Ford in Villa Rica, Georgia, Mr. Smith
466 was a beloved local figure and a leader of the business community; and

467 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Smith was an active member of First
468 Baptist Church of Villa Rica; and

469 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Villa Rica Lion's Club, a director of the Bank of Villa
470 Rica, and a member of the board of directors for Villa Rica Hospital, Tanner Medical Center,
471 and the Tanner Foundation; and

472 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Industrial Development Authority, Mr. Smith oversaw the
473 initial development of the industrial park and helped bring in the park's first business, Lowe's
474 Distribution Center; and

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

477 **PART XXIV**

478 WHEREAS, the dedication of the LTC Benjamin Fred and Sandra Kitchens Christian
479 Roundabout was sponsored by Representative Tim Fleming as HR 1357 in the 2024 Session;
480 and

481 WHEREAS, Lt. Col., Ret., Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian
482 were high school sweethearts at Newton County High School and pillars of their community
483 in Oxford, Georgia; and

484 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Benjamin Fred Christian served as a guardian of this nation's freedom
485 and liberty with the Georgia National Guard for 34 years as a rescue pilot, logging over
486 10,000 hours of flight time and flying a UH-1 Huey helicopter; and

487 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian graduated from Piedmont Nursing School and
488 worked for several physicians' offices in Covington, Georgia; with Newton General Hospital;
489 and later with Amedisys Home Health Care, where she was also the director of nurses; and

490 WHEREAS, a couple with deep and abiding faith, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Christian were active
491 members of Gum Creek Presbyterian Church; and

492 WHEREAS, they loved to travel and spend time with family and friends at their lake house
493 on Jackson Lake, and these generous and kind souls are sorely missed by all who had the
494 great fortune of knowing them, especially their beloved children and grandchildren; and

495 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
496 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in their memory.

497 **PART XXV**

498 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr.
499 Roundabout was sponsored by Representative Debbie Buckner as HR 1358 in the 2024
500 Session; and

501 WHEREAS, Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., was born on December 8, 1926, in Tifton, Georgia,
502 and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and received his
503 commission as an infantry officer in 1949; and

504 WHEREAS, he was assigned to occupation duty in Okinawa, Japan, where he volunteered
505 for the Eighth Army Ranger Company, which was formed shortly after the Korean Conflict
506 began in 1950; and

507 WHEREAS, he was recognized with a Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and
508 leadership when, while leading the company as commander, the company was overrun after
509 six counterattacks and, despite being severely injured, Colonel Puckett insisted on continuing
510 to serve active duty; and

511 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Colonel Puckett became the national program
512 coordinator of Outward Bound, Inc., and subsequently established Discovery, Inc., a
513 leadership and teamwork development program that focused on "Personal Growth through
514 Safe Adventure"; and

515 WHEREAS, Colonel Puckett was an inaugural inductee into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of
516 Fame, served as the first honorary colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1996 to 2006,
517 served as an ambassador of goodwill by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security
518 Cooperation, and was a recipient of the U.S. Army Infantry's Doughboy Award; and

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

521 **PART XXVI**

522 WHEREAS, the dedication of the C. Max Toles Intersection was sponsored by
523 Representative Katie Dempsey as HR 1415 in the 2024 Session; and

524 WHEREAS, Mr. C. Max Toles was a successful businessperson with a renowned career in
525 real estate sales and development; and

526 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
527 States Air Force, valiantly defending America during the Korean War; and

528 WHEREAS, Mr. Toles joined Adrian Howell & Covington as the firm's sales manager in
529 1966 and later became a part owner of the brokerage, which was then renamed
530 Covington & Toles; and

531 WHEREAS, years later Mr. Toles established Toles, Temple & Wright, Inc., and he was
532 instrumental in spurring the development of subdivisions and other housing options
533 throughout Rome, Georgia, positively impacting the growth of the community; and

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

536 **PART XXVII**

537 WHEREAS, the dedication of the Ashley MacDonald Callahan Memorial Intersection was
538 sponsored by Representative Reynaldo "Rey" Martinez as HR 1434 in the 2024 Session; and

539 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ashley MacDonald Callahan has long been recognized by the citizens of
540 this state for the vital role that she played in the teaching profession and her deep personal
541 commitment to the education of the students of Georgia; and

542 WHEREAS, a graduate of the University of Georgia, Mrs. Callahan devoted 16 years to
543 inspiring the future leaders of this state as a high school and middle school educator; and

544 WHEREAS, she made the subject of science come to life for her students by developing an
545 oceanography course which was used by several schools and by assisting with writing the
546 oceanography curriculum for the State of Georgia; and

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548 WHEREAS, Mrs. Callahan was a dedicated professional who went above and beyond,
549 serving in leadership roles and working with students inside and outside of the classroom;
550 and

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

553 **PART XXVIII**

554 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
555 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 145 from Athens Street to
556 Hubbard Road in Franklin County is dedicated as the Dr. Robert F. Sullivan Memorial
557 Highway.

558 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 133 over
559 Dry Creek in Worth County is dedicated as the Lary Jack Moree Memorial Bridge.

560 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 41 at Pine
561 Mountain Ct/Watts Drive in Cobb County, Georgia, is dedicated as the "Coach" Jerry L.
562 Waller, Sr. and Frances R. Waller Memorial Intersection.

563 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 9 and
564 Deputy Bill Cantrell Memorial Road in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Dr. Jim Morrow
565 Memorial Intersection.

566 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route
567 154/Memorial Drive and Capitol Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the
568 J.D. Winston Memorial Intersection.

569 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 400
570 and Setting Down Circle in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Lawhorne Memorial
571 Intersection.

572 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 19/State
573 Route 3 at State Route 96 in Taylor County is dedicated as the Michael Anthony Woodall
574 Memorial Intersection.

575 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 49 over
576 Sweetwater Creek in Sumter County is dedicated as the George R. Eusner Memorial Bridge.

577 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 94 over the
578 Alapaha River in Echols County is dedicated as the US Army Cpl. Dewey E. Rewis Jr.
579 Memorial Bridge.

580 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 204 from
581 mile point 21.5 to 27.7 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Chairman Pete Liakakis
582 Memorial Highway.

583 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at State Route 25/
584 U.S. Route 17 and State Route 204 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Frances Bright
585 Johnson Memorial Interchange.

586 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 405
587 and State Route 204 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and
588 Rep. Juanita T. Williams Memorial Interchange.

589 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 369 from
590 Gravitt Road to State Route 400 in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Bobby Thomas
591 Highway.

592 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 53 and
593 Steve Tate Highway in Pickens County is dedicated as the Jeff Downing Intersection.

594 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 139
595 and Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive Southwest in Fulton County is dedicated as the Maceo A.
596 Brown Memorial Intersection.

597 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 3 and
598 State Route 9 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Carolyn Long Banks Memorial
599 Intersection.

600 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 316
601 and State Route 53 in Barrow County is dedicated as the Douglas "Doug" H. Garrison
602 Memorial Interchange.

603 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 112
604 and Abney Road/Willis-Howell Road in Bleckley County is dedicated as the Ricky Dykes
605 Intersection.

606 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the overpass of U.S. Route 23/State
607 Route 87 Bypass over Southern Railroad in Bleckley County is dedicated as the Van Dykes
608 Railway Overpass.

609 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 54 over
610 Whitewater Creek in Fayette County is dedicated as the Colonel Ben Malcom Memorial
611 Bridge.

612 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 341 over
613 Chattanooga Creek in Walker County is dedicated as the Cameron Scroggins Memorial
614 Bridge.

615 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of U.S. Route 80 and
616 Harry Truman Parkway in Chatham County is dedicated as the Representative Edward
617 "Mickey" Stephens Memorial Interchange.

618 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 61 and
619 State Route 8/US Route 78 in Carroll County is dedicated as the J. Richard Smith Memorial
620 Intersection.

621 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 36 and
622 State Route 212 in Newton County is dedicated as the LTC Benjamin Fred and Sandra
623 Kitchens Christian Roundabout.

624 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 219
625 and Bradley Park Drive in Muscogee County is dedicated as the Medal of Honor Recipient
626 Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr. Roundabout.

627 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route
628 27/Turner McCall Boulevard and Avenue A in Floyd County is dedicated as the C. Max
629 Toles Intersection.

630 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 81 at
631 Ozora Church Road in Walton County is dedicated as the Ashley MacDonald Callahan
632 Memorial Intersection.

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

636 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
637 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
638 Transportation; to the Lawhorne family; Mr. Bobby Thomas; Mr. Jeff Downing; Mr. Richard
639 "Ricky" Alan Dykes; Mr. Jerry Van Dykes; and Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr.;
640 and to the families of Dr. Robert F. Sullivan; Mr. Lary Jack Moree; Jerry Lee Waller, Sr.,
641 and Mary Frances Rogers Waller; Dr. Jim Morrow; Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston; Mr.
642 Michael Anthony Woodall; Mr. George R. Eusner; Corporal Dewey E. Rewis, Jr.; Mr. Peter
643 "Pete" Liakakis; Mrs. Frances Bright Johnson; Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T.
644 Williams; Mr. Maceo A. Brown; Mrs. Carolyn Lucille Long Banks; Mr. Douglas "Doug" H.
645 Garrison; Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom; Mr. James "Cameron" Scroggins;
646 Representative Edward "Mickey" Stephens; Mr. James "Richard" Smith; Lt. Col., Ret.,
647 Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian; Mr. C. Max Toles; and
648 Mrs. Ashley MacDonald Callahan.