

## Senate Resolution 8

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Robertson of the 29th, Kennedy of the 18th, Gooch of the 51st, Albers of the 56th and others

**ADOPTED**

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Senator Valencia Seay has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
4 the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare  
5 of the citizens of Clayton and Fayette Counties; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Seay diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her  
7 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state and uplifting the  
8 minds of the next generation as evidenced dramatically by her two years in the Georgia  
9 House of Representatives and 17 years in the Georgia Senate; and

10 WHEREAS, during her years in the Georgia Senate she served as a member of the  
11 Appropriations, Government Oversight, Public Safety, and Science and Technology  
12 Committees and an ex-officio on the Transportation Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Senator Seay had a 22 year career in the banking industry as president and CEO  
14 of Seay & Associates; and

15 WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2015  
16 We Are Clayton Living Legend Award, the Living Legend Award from the Clayton County  
17 NAACP, and the 2015 Alpha Kappa Alpha Capitol Legislator of the Year Award; and

18 WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations,  
19 including the Georgia Legislative Black Caucus, National Organization of Women  
20 Legislators, Women in Government, and the Women's Legislative Caucus and she is a Life  
21 Member of the NAACP and the National Council of Negro Women; and

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

24 **PART II**

25 WHEREAS, the Honorable Vincent D. Fort was born on April 28, 1956, in New Britain,  
26 Connecticut, a beloved son of Charles Fort, Sr., and Clara Hutchinson Fort; and

27 WHEREAS, after completing his higher education, he settled in Atlanta, Georgia, where he  
28 became a respected historian, taught at Morehouse College and Morris Brown College, and  
29 served as assistant director of the Martin Luther King, Jr., Papers Project; and

30 WHEREAS, he served as a Georgia State Senator for the 39th District from 1996 to 2017,  
31 representing parts of Atlanta, East Point, College Park, Union City, and unincorporated  
32 Fulton County as well as consistently advocating for justice and equity for all; and

33 WHEREAS, in 2001, Senator Fort authored Georgia's first hate crimes law, ensuring harsher  
34 penalties for crimes motivated by bias, as well as the Georgia Fair Lending Act, which stood

35 at the time as the strongest anti-predatory lending legislation in the nation and protected  
36 consumers from abusive practices; and

37 WHEREAS, in 2011, he was elected as Georgia's Democratic Whip, during which time he  
38 championed legislation against discrimination, racial profiling, environmental racism, and  
39 labor injustices while supporting fair wages, labor unions, and stronger community  
40 protections; and

41 WHEREAS, he was named "Legislator of the Year" in 2017 by the Georgia Association of  
42 Educators for his advocacy of Senate Bill 30, which aimed to improve public education  
43 funding and enhance community schools; and

44 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Cheryl, and the two were  
45 blessed with three remarkable children, Nyahuma, Clara-Faith, and Zoë, as well as three  
46 wonderful grandchildren, Gizelle, Chloe, and Sunday; and

47 WHEREAS, Senator Fort was a powerful voice for economic and racial equality, and his  
48 commitment to the people will leave a lasting impact on the City of Atlanta and the State of  
49 Georgia; and

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

52 **PART III**

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Masen "Mase" Aubrey McIntyre II was born on July 9, 2001, in Austell,  
54 Georgia, the beloved son of Masen McIntyre and Brandy Drinnon McIntyre; and

55 WHEREAS, Mr. McIntyre graduated from Bowdon High School where he played football  
56 and tennis; and

57 WHEREAS, he was a stellar athlete as evidenced by his selection to the All-Region Team  
58 for football his senior year; and

59 WHEREAS, his talent and leadership on the football field earned him the title of Player of  
60 the Game on numerous occasions as well as being honored with the Golden Helmet Award  
61 from his coaches; and

62 WHEREAS, after graduation, Mr. McIntyre joined his father in the family business at M3  
63 Logging; and

64 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous soul, Mr. McIntyre will long be remembered for  
65 his bright smile and his love of family and friendship, and this loyal son and friend will be  
66 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

69 **PART IV**

70 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Ms.  
71 Latasha R. Butts on October 21, 2024; and

72 WHEREAS, a native of Milledgeville, Georgia, Ms. Butts was a basketball star at the  
73 University of Tennessee with four regular season Southeastern Conference Championship  
74 wins before being drafted to the WNBA in 2004 by the Minnesota Lynx; and

75 WHEREAS, during her season in the WNBA, Ms. Butts played in 30 games and helped the  
76 franchise achieve a record 18 victories and a playoff appearance; and

77 WHEREAS, after a year with the WNBA, Ms. Butts returned to the University of Tennessee  
78 as a graduate assistant and later played basketball overseas in Portugal and Israel, as well as  
79 with the WNBA's Charlotte Sting and Houston Comets; and

80 WHEREAS, she coached for three seasons at UCLA, eight seasons at LSU, and four seasons  
81 at Georgia Tech; and

82 WHEREAS, Ms. Butts was serving as the head coach of the Georgetown University  
83 basketball team at the time of her passing; and

84 WHEREAS, she was highly regarded in the basketball community and was known as a coach  
85 who expected excellence and cared deeply for her players; and

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

88 **PART V**

89 WHEREAS, Dr. Roy Charles Bell was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas, on August 31,  
90 1926, and graduated from Howard University and Howard University Dental School; and

91 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell was one of the first African Americans to practice dentistry in Atlanta  
92 and in 1964 he filed a lawsuit that led to the end of segregation of the Georgia Dental  
93 Association and, subsequently, the American Dental Association; and

94 WHEREAS, a leader during the Civil Rights movement, Dr. Bell served as a special projects  
95 coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

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

98 **PART VI**

99 WHEREAS, Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., was born into a sharecropping family in Wheeler County,  
100 Georgia, and graduated as valedictorian of his 1966 class at Wheeler County High School;  
101 and

102 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall's love of agriculture began at a young age through his involvement  
103 with the New Farmer's Association and Future Farmer's Association, leading him to become  
104 one of the first two black students to graduate with a doctorate in veterinary medicine from  
105 the University of Georgia in 1973; and

106 WHEREAS, he served counties across southeast Georgia as a large and small animal  
107 veterinarian for over 46 years as the sole proprietor of Appling Animal Hospital; and

108 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall made history once again in 1982 by being elected the first black city  
109 councilmember of Baxley City Council, a post he held for 36 years until his untimely passing  
110 in 2019; and

111 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
112 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
113 dramatically by his superlative service as mayor pro tem for the last 12 years of his service  
114 on the city council; and

115 WHEREAS, Dr. Hall embodied the spirit of service and it is abundantly fitting and proper  
116 that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating  
117 a road in his memory.

118 **PART VII**

119 WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Blackwell was born in Homer, Georgia, on April 9, 1924, the  
120 beloved son of Lon B. and Alice Hill Blackwell; and

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

124 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting  
125 democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the  
126 well-being of his fellow man; and

127 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
128 United States Army Air Force during World War II; and

129 WHEREAS, as a sergeant during the war, Mr. Blackwell was assigned to the 314th Depot  
130 Supply Squadron at the Bengal Air Base in Calcutta, India; and

131 WHEREAS, upon his return home, Mr. Blackwell continued to serve his country as a rural  
132 mail carrier with the United States Postal Service in Lula, Georgia, for 34 years and as an  
133 assistant magistrate judge in Banks County for more than 30 years; and

134 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell was an active member of Homer Baptist Church, where he was  
135 on the Sunday School Celebration Committee, and the American Legion Post #215, Phi  
136 Delta Masonic Lodge #148, Banks County Chamber of Commerce, and Banks County Soil  
137 Conservation; and

138 WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding  
139 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States should be recognized  
140 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

141 **PART VIII**

142 WHEREAS, Nolan Sental Smith, Jr., was born on January 18, 2001, in Savannah, Georgia,  
143 and has shown the world what it means to dream big, work relentlessly, and rise above every  
144 challenge in pursuit of greatness; and

145 WHEREAS, from his early days on the football field in youth leagues to his standout  
146 performances at IMG Academy and Calvary Day School, Mr. Smith's passion for the game  
147 of football and unwavering determination have been evident in every play he has made,  
148 earning him admiration and respect from coaches, teammates, and fans alike; and

149 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's time at the University of Georgia was nothing short of remarkable,  
150 where his relentless work ethic, leadership, and dedication to his football team helped secure  
151 two College Football Playoff National Championships, a testament to his commitment to  
152 excellence and his pivotal role in the success of the Georgia Bulldogs; and

153 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's dream of playing in the NFL became a reality when he was selected  
154 by the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round of the 2023 NFL draft, representing not only his  
155 talent but the power of perseverance, hard work, and faith in himself; and



156 WHEREAS, beyond the field, Mr. Smith is deeply committed to using his platform and  
157 influence to make a meaningful impact in his community and beyond, striving to be more  
158 than just a football player, but a role model, leader, and change-maker who inspires others  
159 to dream big, work hard, and give back to those who need it most; and

160 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has touched countless lives through his dedication to inspiring and  
161 mentoring others, particularly through the Nolan Smith Foundation, which uplifts young  
162 athletes, providing them with the guidance to overcome obstacles, achieve their goals, and  
163 positively impact their communities; and

164 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's story is not just one of athletic triumph, but a testament to the  
165 power of resilience, humility, and the profound impact one person can have on the lives of  
166 those around them, especially through his support of his family and their shared journey  
167 together; and

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

170 **PART IX**

171 WHEREAS, Mother Essie Frankie Mae Stegall Arnold was born on April 10, 1930, in  
172 Newnan, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Essie Mae and Milton Stegall; and

173 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mother Arnold was a faithful and active  
174 member of Saint John A.M.E. Church, where she served as a stewardess, an officer of the  
175 steward board, and class leader and member of the missionary board society; and

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

179 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
180 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
181 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

182 WHEREAS, Mother Arnold was known for her gardening talents and "green thumb,"  
183 impressing her Fairburn community neighbors with her impressive yard and earning her yard  
184 of the year recognition on numerous occasions; and

185 WHEREAS, she was recognized with numerous awards and honors, including a Housing  
186 Authority Honors Award, Lawrence and Frankie Arnold Parents of the Year Award in 2001,  
187 a Crown Peace Award, and a Christian City Service Award; and

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

190 **PART X**

191 WHEREAS, born on July 3, 1937, in Fairburn, Georgia, Mayor Betty Hannah served the  
192 City of Fairburn for more than 28 years as a city council member and as mayor, dedicating  
193 herself to the improvement and development of the city; and

194 WHEREAS, as the first female and longest serving mayor of the City of Fairburn, Mayor  
195 Hannah focused on Fairburn's downtown area during her distinguished tenure, recognizing

196 and preserving the character of the city's original transportation district and banking  
197 community as well as its proximity to the CSX railroad; and

198 WHEREAS, in 2008, the city dedicated a building to Mayor Hannah in its newly built  
199 education campus, a project she was instrumental in developing; and

200 WHEREAS, Mayor Hannah gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and  
201 deep concern for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she  
202 demonstrated to her family and friends were admired by others; and

203 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
204 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
205 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

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

208 **PART XI**

209 WHEREAS, Mrs. Ruby Floyd Grogan was born in Heardsville, Georgia, on August 23,  
210 1920, the beloved daughter of W.R. Floyd and Ethel Roper Floyd; and

211 WHEREAS, Mr. Loy James Grogan was born in Dawsonville, Georgia, on January 5, 1914,  
212 the beloved son of Roscoe Lafayette Grogan and Lona Fouts Grogan; and

213 WHEREAS, Mr. Grogan established L.J. Grocery in 1934 and after the two were united in  
214 love and marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Grogan ran the daily operations of the store; and

215 WHEREAS, over the years, L.J. Grocery became an institution of the community in Matt,  
216 Georgia, providing necessary groceries and gasoline to an underserved community; and

217 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Grogan exhibited extraordinary devotion and compassion to their  
218 neighbors, often providing food at no cost to families in need; and

219 WHEREAS, as pillars of their community, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these  
220 remarkable and distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an  
221 intersection in their memory.

222 **PART XII**

223 WHEREAS, Mr. Zera D. Storey has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
224 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
225 of the citizens of Georgia; and

226 WHEREAS, Mr. Storey was born on December 6, 1904, in Brooks County, Georgia, the  
227 eldest son of David Storey and Letha Touchton, and he moved to Cook County, Georgia, in  
228 1920; and

229 WHEREAS, Mr. Storey was raised in a sharecropper's house by his parents, growing up with  
230 very little schooling and working as a farmer and business entrepreneur until his retirement;  
231 and

232 WHEREAS, he was respected and admired by the people of Cook County, Georgia, sharing  
233 labor with local farmers and becoming well known for his willingness to meet the needs of  
234 others; and

235 WHEREAS, Mr. Storey's life of strength, courage, service, and perseverance serves as an  
236 inspiration to all Georgians, and he will be remembered as a man of great faith, humor, and  
237 warmth, always quick to champion what was right and to speak out against what was wrong,  
238 his solid integrity was a moral strength to all who knew him; and

239 WHEREAS, he was a devoted member of the Church of Christ in Adel, Georgia, where he  
240 gave of his time, talents, gifts, and prayers; taught Bible classes for over 40 years; was an  
241 active song leader; and participated in many gospel singing events and graveside memorials;  
242 and

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

245 **PART XIII**

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

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

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

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

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

262 **PART XIV**

263 WHEREAS, Mrs. Emma Lou Stover has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable  
264 hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as  
265 evidenced dramatically by her superlative service for Gilmer County and Georgia; and

266 WHEREAS, Mrs. Stover has worked for many years with the Ellijay Lions Club, where she  
267 spearheaded fundraisers to provide financial assistance for surgeries for the visually  
268 impaired, buying and wrapping Christmas gifts for the less fortunate, and providing  
269 college-level scholarships for the area's brightest students; and

270 WHEREAS, in 1989, she founded the Special Friends Program to support individuals with  
271 mental and physical disabilities in Gilmer County and the surrounding areas; and

272 WHEREAS, this distinguished gentlewoman has given inspiration to many through her high  
273 ideals, morals, and deep concern for her fellow citizens, including as a steadfast advocate for  
274 veterans and active duty members of the military through participation with the annual  
275 community Veterans Day parade; and

276 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
277 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

278 **PART XV**

279 WHEREAS, Mr. David Allen Donley devoted his life to bringing music to the community  
280 of Holly Springs and Hickory Flat, leaving behind a legacy of honesty, integrity, and  
281 kindness; and

282 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley opened his store, Donley's Music, in 1996 at the corner of Bells  
283 Ferry Road and Highway 92, before moving the store to Holly Springs in 2006, and finally  
284 to the store's current location on Hickory Flat Highway in 2008; and

285 WHEREAS, his store became a destination for musicians of all skill levels, providing a sense  
286 of community to those who visited through bluegrass jams, music lessons, and other  
287 community oriented programs; and

288 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley's faithfulness, generosity, and commitment to his hundreds of  
289 students, particularly those from disadvantaged and low-income backgrounds, often led him  
290 to provide guitars to those in need, sponsor guitar clubs, and complete lessons or instrument  
291 repairs for those who could not pay, which he saw as an investment in students' lives; and

292 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley's spirit and love for music has inspired many members of the Holly  
293 Springs and Hickory Flat communities to become better musicians and better people,  
294 including Bryce Leatherwood, the 2022 winner of *The Voice*, who cited Mr. Donley as one  
295 of his greatest inspirations; and

296 WHEREAS, beyond his love for music, Mr. Donley is remembered as an avid fisherman  
297 who found enjoyment in sharing his hobby with others; and

298 WHEREAS, Mr. Donley will be forever remembered as a loving husband, father, and  
299 beloved citizen of Cherokee County and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this  
300 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in  
301 his memory.

302 **PART XVI**

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

306 WHEREAS, Mr. Hudgins graduated from the U.S. Army Engineer School and served as a  
307 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1968 in the  
308 role of construction surveyor in an engineering battalion; and

309 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
310 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
311 dramatically by his superlative service with Dougherty County, Georgia; and

312 WHEREAS, Mr. Hudgins served with honor and distinction on the Albany Board of City  
313 Commissioners before dedicating 28 years to the Dougherty County Board of  
314 Commissioners, standing as the longest serving commissioner in the county's history; and



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

318 WHEREAS, Mr. Hudgins's leadership has been invaluable to numerous organizations,  
319 including the Board of Managers for the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and  
320 the Albany-Dougherty Economic Development Commission; and

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

323 **PART XVII**

324 WHEREAS, Mr. William A. Fickling, Jr., has long been recognized for his contributions to  
325 this state and leadership in the financial and healthcare industries; and

326 WHEREAS, Mr. Fickling graduated from Auburn University, where he was a three-year  
327 starting forward on the basketball team, was named to the school's "Team of the Decade" for  
328 the 1950's; and as a member of the school's track team, won the Southeastern Conference  
329 high hurdle championship two times; and

330 WHEREAS, he serves as chairman of the Mulberry Street Investment Company, a  
331 diversified family management company headquartered in Macon, Georgia; and

332 WHEREAS, Mr. Fickling has served as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer  
333 of Beech Street Corporation, President and Chairman of Charter Medical Corporation, and  
334 Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; and

335 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 1985  
336 Walter Gilbert Award from Auburn University, the Distinguished Alumnus Award of the  
337 Auburn School of Business, Award for Management Excellence and Achievement from the  
338 University of Georgia, Business Executive of the Year by the Georgia Security Dealers  
339 Association, and a Gold Award from The Wall Street Transcript; and

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

342 **PART XVIII**

343 WHEREAS, Mr. Benjamin R. Polote, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
344 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
345 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

346 WHEREAS, Mr. Polote established Polote Homebuilders in 1970 and became a fixture in  
347 the construction industry in Savannah, Georgia, providing quality homes for the area; and

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

351 WHEREAS, in the last 55 years, the Polote Corporation has grown from a home builder to  
352 an early graduate of the government's 8a program, completing and participating on projects  
353 from Georgia to California that range from \$450,000 to over \$1.2 billion; and

354 WHEREAS, Mr. Polote has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including  
355 recognition by the Georgia Minority Supplier Diversity Council with a Blue Legend Award,  
356 a distinction reserved for those who have exemplified excellence in deed and works; and

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

359 **PART XIX**

360 WHEREAS, Coach Carl Middleton was a pillar of the Alfred Ely Beach High School athletic  
361 program for over four decades and he dedicated his life to uplifting and inspiring young  
362 athletes to achieve their dreams; and

363 WHEREAS, during his tenure at Alfred Ely Beach High School, Coach Middleton led  
364 athletes as a basketball coach, softball coach, head football coach, track and field coach, and  
365 athletic director; and

366 WHEREAS, his 1967 men's track team placed second in the state and set a 440-relay team  
367 record that lasted over ten years, while his women's track teams won twelve city  
368 championships, six region championships, and placed in the top ten at state championships  
369 on four occasions; and

370 WHEREAS, as coach of the men's junior varsity basketball team, Coach Middleton amassed  
371 an incredible career record of 154-10; and

372 WHEREAS, he was recognized as Coach of the Year six times by the Georgia High School  
373 Association, was inducted into the Greater Savannah Athletic Hall of Fame, and was further

374 honored with the establishment of the Carl Middleton Male Athlete Award to annually honor  
375 Alfred Ely Beach High School's most outstanding male athlete; and

376 WHEREAS, Coach Middleton served as a role model to countless young athletes who have  
377 gone on to make contributions both in the field of athletics and in their communities and it  
378 is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be  
379 recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

380 **PART XX**

381 WHEREAS, the Honorable Susan Holmes has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
382 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment  
383 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

384 WHEREAS, a seventh generation citizen of Jasper County, Georgia, Representative Holmes  
385 was raised on a cotton farm in the community of Farrar in northern Jasper County, graduated  
386 from Monticello High School, and earned her bachelor's degree from the University of  
387 Georgia; and

388 WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,  
389 talent, and energy to the citizens of Butts, Jones, and Monroe counties since 2010 as the State  
390 Representative for House District 129; and

391 WHEREAS, Representative Holmes serves as vice chairman of the Agriculture and  
392 Consumer Affairs and Special Rules committees, as secretary of the Energy, Utilities, and  
393 Telecommunications and Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment committees, and  
394 as a member of the Economic Development and Tourism Committee; and

395 WHEREAS, prior to her service in the Georgia House of Representatives, she served as  
396 mayor of the City of Monticello for 12 years, serving as the first female mayor for the city;  
397 and

398 WHEREAS, Representative Holmes has been recognized with numerous honors and awards,  
399 including Monticello-Jasper County Citizen of the Year by the Chamber of Commerce, 100  
400 Most Influential Georgians by *Georgia Trend Magazine*, Northeast Georgia's Most  
401 Outstanding Citizen, and the Georgia Downtown Association's Outstanding Leadership  
402 Award; and

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

405 **PART XXI**

406 WHEREAS, Ms. Rachel Hodge was highly regarded by the citizens of her community and  
407 state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity with a  
408 commitment to serving others; and

409 WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge was born in St. Marys, Georgia, the beloved daughter of Christopher  
410 and Melissa Crosby Hodge and graduated from Camden County High School; and  
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412 WHEREAS, as the daughter of a law enforcement officer with the Department of Natural  
413 Resources, Ms. Hodge grew up to follow in her father's footsteps to serve as an Emergency  
414 9-1-1 Communications Officer with the Camden County Sheriff's Office; and

415 WHEREAS, she exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine  
416 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all her duties; and

417 WHEREAS, Ms. Hodge's life was tragically cut short on April 18, 2020, on her way home  
418 from work; and

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

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## **PART XXII**

422 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
423 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 139/Riverdale Road from  
424 Church Street to Garden Walk Road in Clayton County is dedicated as the Honorable  
425 Valencia Seay Highway.

426 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route  
427 139/Ralph David Abernathy Boulevard and Lee Street Southwest in Fulton County is  
428 dedicated as the Senator Vincent D. Fort Memorial Intersection.

429 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 100 over  
430 Turkey Creek in Carroll County is dedicated as the Masen "Mase" McIntyre Memorial  
431 Bridge.

432 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 49 from the  
433 Milledgeville Bypass SR 29/US 441 to the Macon Bibb County line in Baldwin County is  
434 dedicated as the Latasha R. Butts Memorial Highway.

435 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 85/Interstate  
436 75 over Edgewood Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the Dr. Roy Charles  
437 Bell Memorial Bridge.

438 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 15 from  
439 mile point 76.17 to 76.716 in Appling County is dedicated as the Dr. Esco Hall, Jr. Highway.

440 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 51 from  
441 Hill Street to State Route 164 in Banks County is dedicated as the World War II Veteran  
442 Bobby Blackwell Memorial Drive.

443 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 95/State Route  
444 405 at State Route 204/Fort Argyle Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Nolan S.  
445 Smith, Jr. Bridge.

446 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 from  
447 State Route 29 to Bay Street in Fulton County is dedicated as the Mother Frankie Mae  
448 Arnold Memorial Highway.

449 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 29 from  
450 State Route 138 to State Route 74 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Mayor Betty Hannah  
451 Memorial Highway.

452 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 369  
453 and Bannister Road in Forsyth County is dedicated as the Ruby and Loy Grogan Memorial  
454 Intersection.

455 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 and  
456 Springhill Road in Cook County is dedicated as the Zera D. Storey Memorial Interchange.

457 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the entire portion of State Route 206  
458 in Coffee County is dedicated as Veterans Perimeter Road.

459 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 52 East over  
460 Owl Town in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Emma Lou Stover Bridge.

461 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 140 from  
462 Darnell Road to East Cherokee Drive in Cherokee County is dedicated as the David Allen  
463 Donley Memorial Parkway.

464 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route  
465 234/Gillionville Road and Eight Mile Road in Dougherty County is dedicated as the Lamar  
466 Hudgins Intersection.

467 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 83 over the  
468 Towaliga River in Monroe County is dedicated as the William A. Fickling, Jr. Bridge.

469 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 25/U.S.  
470 Route 17 and Little Neck Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Benjamin R. Polote,  
471 Sr. Intersection.

472 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 95 over the  
473 Ogeechee River Tributary in Chatham County is dedicated as the Coach Carl Middleton  
474 Bridge.



475 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 11 from  
476 Maddox Street to West Greene Street in Jasper County is dedicated as the Honorable Susan  
477 Holmes Highway.

478 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 25  
479 Spur/Satilla Bluff Road and Pine Forest Drive in Camden County is dedicated as the Rachel  
480 Hodge Memorial Intersection.

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

484 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
485 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of  
486 Transportation; to Senator Valencia Seay, Mr. Nolan Sental Smith, Jr., the Grogan family,  
487 Mrs. Emma Lou Stover, Mr. Lamar Hudgins, Mr. William A. Fickling, Jr., Mr. Benjamin R.  
488 Polote, Sr., and the Honorable Susan Holmes; and to the families of the Honorable Vincent  
489 D. Fort; Mr. Masen "Mase" Aubrey McIntyre II, Ms. Latasha R. Butts, Dr. Roy Charles Bell,  
490 Dr. Esco Hall, Jr., Mr. Bobby Blackwell, Mother Essie Frankie Mae Stegall Arnold, Mayor  
491 Betty Hannah, Mr. Zera D. Storey, Mr. David Allen Donley, Coach Carl Middleton, and Ms.  
492 Rachel Hodge.