A RESOLUTION

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

PART I

2 WHEREAS, the lives of five nursing students from Georgia Southern University, Caitlyn Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach, and Catherine McKay Pittman, were tragically cut short on Interstate 16 on April 22, 2015; and

3 WHEREAS, Caitlyn Baggett transferred to Georgia Southern University from East Georgia State College, and this junior nursing student had a great love for children and planned to work as a pediatric nurse; and

4 WHEREAS, a native of Millen, Georgia, Caitlyn was known by many as a small town girl with a big personality and was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Morgan Bass was from Leesburg, Georgia, and was a member of the Alpha Omicron Pi Sorority; and

6 WHEREAS, a compassionate and kind young woman, Morgan planned on becoming a nurse anesthetist and wanted to work with babies; and

7 WHEREAS, a native of Powder Springs, Georgia, Emily Clark graduated with honors from Harrison High School, where she was a cheerleader and loved spending her free time volunteering to help those less fortunate; and

8 WHEREAS, Emily maintained a 4.0 grade point average while at Georgia Southern University, was on both the President's and Dean's lists, and was a member of the executive council for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and
WHEREAS, Abbie Deloach was from Savannah, Georgia, and graduated from Savannah
Christian Preparatory School, where she earned varsity letters in basketball, volleyball, and
track; and

WHEREAS, while at Georgia Southern University, Abbie joined Kappa Delta Sorority as
a legacy, where her leadership skills shone as recommendation chairperson and a member
of the homecoming step team; and

WHEREAS, a junior from Alpharetta, Georgia, Catherine McKay Pittman graduated from
Milton High School, where she was an exemplary member of the school's soccer team; and

WHEREAS, Catherine was president of Alpha Delta Chi Sorority, was active in mission
work, and served as a student ambassador, hosting recruits and prospective students on
behalf of Georgia Southern University; and

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

PART II

WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick Price was born in Marietta, Georgia, the beloved son of Gene and
Paula Price; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Price was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he
played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
Georgia as the Strategic Planning, Initiatives, and Innovations Coordinator for the State
Board of Pardons and Paroles; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lassiter High School, Mr. Price earned a bachelor's degree from
Kennesaw State University; and

WHEREAS, he passionately crusaded for the release of inmates who were wrongly serving
lengthy sentences for minor offenses and who met criteria under new legislation that made
them eligible for early release from prison; and
WHEREAS, known by many for his compassionate heart and bright smile, Mr. Price's mission was to help inmates through his service as a peace officer and through his lobbying efforts as a legislative liaison for the Board at the state capitol; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Price was an active member of First Baptist Church of Woodstock where he taught fifth grade Sunday school and mentored dozens of students for many years; and

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

PART III

WHEREAS, Mr. James Bland, Sr., was born on December 3, 1921, and was a well-known and beloved farmer in Clay County; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bland served as a longtime member and deacon at St. James AME Church and later joined the Pentecostal Church of God; and

WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Lula Bell McCrae in 1940, a union which blessed him with five remarkable children, Eddie, Ruthie, Curtis, James, and Minnie; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Bland was a devoted community leader, teaching many young people of Clay County on the importance of nature and the great outdoors; and

WHEREAS, he served as a role model to others, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, the G.L. Huff family of Gilmer County, Georgia, has a rich history and tradition of service to the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. G.L. Huff, Sr., was born on May 1, 1905, in Carroll County, Georgia, the beloved son of William Levi Huff and Mary Elizabeth Bonner Huff; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Huff, Sr., served as mayor of the City of Ellijay, where his leadership and foresight were instrumental in the city's purchase of a water treatment plant, construction of a sewage treatment plant, and the building of a reservoir, helping to ensure adequate water supply for the city during periods of population growth; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Mr. Huff, Sr., supported infrastructure expansion through the paving of numerous streets and aided in housing development efforts by approving the construction of low-rent and elderly housing as chairman of the Ellijay Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, born on August 25, 1928, Mr. G.L. Huff, Jr., was a pharmacist at Watson Drug Store in Ellijay and went on to serve as co-owner of Ellijay Drug Store and Huff Bros., Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Huff, Jr., played a major role in aviation in Gilmer County, building the city's first airstrip in the 1960s; and

WHEREAS, he spearheaded the construction of and fundraising for a sports stadium for Gilmer High School, named the Huff-Mosely Memorial Stadium; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished family be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in its memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, Reverend John D. McDaniel was a longtime resident of Fannin County, Georgia, where he lived until his passing in 1913; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel served as Fannin County's first commissioner of education, now known as county superintendent of schools, a position which required him to perform certification tests for teachers, issue teaching licenses, assign teachers to particular schools, advise teachers on job opportunities, and communicate information regarding county schools to the public; and

WHEREAS, at the time he held this esteemed position, Fannin County had an average of only one teacher per school and he earned a salary of roughly $3 per day for his service; and
WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel represented Fannin County in the Georgia General Assembly from 1893 to 1897 as a member of the House of Representatives where he gained notoriety for his successful efforts to obtain national grave markers for Southerners who served in the Civil War, a laudable feat given his known views as a pacifist; and

WHEREAS, he was a driving force behind the movement to change Fannin County's seat from Morganton to Blue Ridge; and

WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel secured funding for construction of the bridge at Fightingtown Creek, which was often ravaged by floodwaters and so became known throughout the area as the "Lost Bridge"; and

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

PART VI

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Benjamin "Benny" Norton Whitaker on August 13, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Gilmer County, Georgia, Mr. Whitaker was born on September 1, 1927, the beloved son of Cecil and Ovaline Norton Whitaker; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker was well known and respected for his leadership and guidance as a Gilmer County commissioner and state representative for the 7th District; and

WHEREAS, known as the "Common Man Candidate" and "Common Sense Candidate," Mr. Whitaker diligently and conscientiously served the citizens of Gilmer County as county commissioner from 1972 to 1988 and as a state representative from 1992 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker spent 28 years in the produce business, in which he developed a fiscal responsibility which transferred to his leadership as a county and state representative, where he demonstrated great care to save the county money; and
WHEREAS, he was instrumental in securing property for a new public library and the site of Dalton State College satellite campus, helped oversee the building of the Whitepath Golf Course and Gilmer County Civic Center, and worked with the state transportation board for the construction of Highway 515; and

WHEREAS, his diligent efforts led to the extension of a natural gas line to Ellijay, the organization of Gilmer County's first official fire department, and the construction of Gilmer County's first senior citizen center; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure with the General Assembly, Mr. Whitaker sponsored numerous pieces of legislation that uplifted the North Georgia mountain communities and state, including the establishment of the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, secured funding for court record modernization, and support of the North Georgia Medical Center; and

WHEREAS, during his time with the General Assembly, Mr. Whitaker sponsored and led the passage of a law requiring visible identification on all vehicles owned by the state; and

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

PART VII

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Chief Frank McClelland, Jr., in September, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Chief McClelland served as Police Chief for the City of Ludowici and was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Chief McClelland's life was cut short in the line of duty when a motorist fleeing arrest lost control of his vehicle and struck this dedicated law enforcement officer as he was directing the traveling public away from harm; and
WHEREAS, Chief McClelland exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr., was born on April 19, 1945, in Americus, Georgia, a beloved son of Jack and Yip Hanner; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Coast Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hanner was dedicated to a life of civil servitude; he was the vice president of the Georgia Jaycees, the president of the local Jaycees, and a Georgia State Representative from 1975 until his retirement in 2013; and

WHEREAS, he served on a number of committees during his time with the General Assembly, including as Chairman of the Department of Natural Resources; Chairman of the Game, Fish, and Parks Committee; and Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee; and

WHEREAS, his involvement with the board of the Terrell County Chamber of Commerce, the Statewide Water Management Commission, and the Main Street Theater is further testimony to his commitment to his community; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hanner was an active member of the First Baptist Church of Dawson; and

WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and was blessed with three remarkable children, Robert, Jr., Jeff, and Matt; and two wonderful grandchildren, Robert III and Maxwell; and

WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his family and friends were admired by others; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART IX

WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Morton Fort, Jr., was born on February 1, 1923, in Vienna, Georgia, the beloved son of Gladys Davis Fort and Thomas Morton Fort, Sr., and owned and operated Fort Oil Co., Inc., in Lumpkin, Georgia, until his retirement in 1989; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Lumpkin High School, Mr. Fort attended North Georgia College before volunteering to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army Air Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fort was serving as a B-17 pilot based in Foggia, Italy, when his plane was shot down on June 16, 1944, during a mission over Vienna and he was captured in Yugoslavia; and

WHEREAS, this courageous and selfless American hero spent 11 months in prisoner of war camps in Poland and Germany; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Fort was a member of Lumpkin United Methodist Church and its administrative board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fort's leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous organizations, including the Dawson Camp of Gideons International, Georgia Department of Ex-Prisoners of War, Valley Chapter of Ex-Prisoners of War, Andrew College Board of Trustees, and Board of Directors for Farmers State Bank; and

WHEREAS, he was a 50 year member of both the Cross Lodge #173 F&AM and the Lumpkin Lions Club; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware, Sr., was born on April 7, 1930, in East Chicago, Indiana, the beloved son of Claude, Sr., and Bettie Ware; and

WHEREAS, after successful careers at Teamsters and Georgia Power, Mr. Ware worked tirelessly as a community leader and advocate; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated his time, talent, and energy to lobbying at the Georgia capitol and in local communities to increase voter turnout and registered thousands of voters; and

WHEREAS, known for his signature white hat, Mr. Ware was a beloved advocate for seniors, always ready to provide a voice for others in support of issues important to the aging community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ware's tireless efforts were recognized with numerous accolades and awards, including a Distinguished Older Georgian Award from the Georgia Council on Aging and a Martha Eaves Award from the Atlanta Regional Commission; and

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

PART XI

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of the Honorable Grace Wilkerson Davis on May 3, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Representative Davis was united in love and marriage to Curtis Davis and was blessed with a remarkable son, Curtis Davis, Jr., two wonderful grandchildren, and two adored great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, while in New York, Representative Davis got her first taste of politics while working for the election of John Lindsay as the city's mayor in 1965; and

WHEREAS, she moved back to Georgia in the late 1960s and began working at WAOK radio station as a controller and accountant, and she became involved with the Civil Rights Movement after the leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Representative
Tyrone Brooks, along with other members showed up at the station to show support for the African American staff; and

WHEREAS, she accompanied Representative Brooks and others in a motorcade to Plains to protest President Jimmy Carter's firing of the United Nations Ambassador, Andrew Young; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Grace Davis was an outspoken advocate in the Georgia House of Representatives from 1987 to 1998; and

WHEREAS, Representative Davis was credited with successfully shepherding a bill to passage that slapped stiffer controls on mortgage refinance practices, which prevented hundreds of low-income homeowners from losing their homes; and

WHEREAS, she also won passage of her bill to create a Georgia commission on the status of women, which mandated the study of state laws and policies to recommend more educated approaches for dealing with women's issues; and

WHEREAS, Representative Davis was appointed project director of the Aging Services Division in Georgia's Department of Human Services, a position she held for four years; and

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

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Representative Davis will long be remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.
WHEREAS, 600 Woodbine Thiokol Chemical Plant workers fulfilled America's sacred obligation of supplying the United States military with vital munitions; and

WHEREAS, these dedicated patriots served as civilian contractors by manufacturing munitions and deterrent gases for use by the United States Army during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, the munitions produced by these workers were utilized in three military arsenals and saved the lives of countless American soldiers; and

WHEREAS, the Thiokol Plant workers supported the liberation of the people of South Vietnam and sought to promote democracy through their efforts; and

WHEREAS, the workers at Thiokol Plant were an important part of American history by standing as exemplars of the modern workplace as one of the first in American industry that was racially integrated and consisted of both men and women; and

WHEREAS, the lives of 30 plant workers were tragically cut short in 1971 and 1973, but the tragic loss of these Georgians changed the quality of life for millions of Americans, resulting in improvements in transportation, emergency medical services, mass tort litigation, and plant safety; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the ultimate sacrifice made by these 30 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

WHEREAS, Mr. Richard L. Tucker has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker's leadership has been instrumental to the University System of Georgia Board of Regents for 14 years; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, as a leader for Gwinnett, Mr. Tucker has served as a charter member of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Governor's Development Council, president/CEO of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Gwinnett Convention & Visitors Bureau/Explore Gwinnett, Georgia Gwinnett College Board of Trustees, Georgia Medical Foundation, and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, a native of DeKalb County, Georgia, Mr. Tucker earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Georgia in business administration and serves as the principal and managing partner of Arlington Capital, LLC, a private equity fund; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a Four Pillar Award from the Council for Quality Growth and recognition by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of Georgia's 100 Most Influential Leaders; and

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

PART XIV

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Russell earned a doctoral degree in agricultural chemistry from Ohio State University and has a 20 year background in pesticide research, with much of it conducted at the nation's most prestigious golf courses and resorts, including Augusta National, Opryland USA, Disneyland, PGA National, and Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club; and

WHEREAS, as the founder of Russell Landscape Group, Dr. Russell has grown this family owned and operated business from its inception in 1987 to the largest, privately held Georgia based landscape firm; and
WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, as a leader for Gwinnett, Dr. Russell has served as a board member of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Health System, Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation, Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia, Gwinnett Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Council for Quality Growth, and the Gwinnett Chamber of Clean and Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, his leadership has been instrumental to the state as chairperson of the Georgia World Congress Center Authority Board of Governors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Russell has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a Howard Allen Business of the Year Award in 2003, Distinguished Citizen Award from Gwinnett Medical Center, Pioneer Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metro Atlanta Landscape and Turf Association, the Scott Hudgens Distinguished Citizen Award from the Northeast Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Public Service Award from the Gwinnett County Board of Education, and Citizen of the Year Award from the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce; and

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

PART XV

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

WHEREAS, a native of Gwinnett County, Mr. Mason is the founder and president of Mason Family Companies, which invests and develops single-family and multifamily properties and commercial and industrial developments throughout metropolitan Atlanta and the Southeast; and

WHEREAS, just a few of Mr. Mason's accomplishments with Mason Family Companies include developing the 300 acre Cisco Systems corporate campus; Gwinnett County's first
mixed use project, Global Forum; Duluth's first mixed use project, Crossroads; 400 Commons in Forsyth County; assembling property for Discover Mills in Lawrenceville; and planning of redevelopment which helped spur the City of Atlanta's Beltline; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason served on the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners from 1972 to 1980, where his tenure was marked with numerous accomplishments, including developing lasting relationships with bond and finance houses which led to county infrastructure improvements such as a new water treatment plant, more than 800 miles of roads, a county-wide fire protection network, Gwinnett's first modern police headquarters, the county's first land use plan, and the county's first business licensing program; and

WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County, serving as a board member of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, Council for Quality Growth, Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation, and Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mason has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including Citizen of the Year Award from the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce and a Button Gwinnett Award for lifetime public and professional contributions from the Council for Quality Growth; and

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

PART XVI

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman on November 20, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was born on April 22, 1919, and was a native of Lumpkin County, Georgia, where he lived his entire life near the intersection of Highway 52 and Major Abercrombie Road; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during World War II with the 10th Mountain Division in the 87th Mountain Infantry Regiment; and
WHEREAS, his division was one of the last to be activated for combat and fought in Northern Italy for over 110 days without retreating; and

WHEREAS, this amazing hero was awarded a Bronze Star for this action in combat on April 18, 1945; and

WHEREAS, after his service to his country, Mr. Chapman returned home to Lumpkin County, where he worked for many years in the paint and auto body industry and later went on to run a successful chicken and cattle farming business for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, despite having only a sixth grade education, Mr. Chapman was known by many as one of the smartest men in town and was often turned to for help in making a challenging repair; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Pa," Mr. Chapman was always willing to lend a hand to someone in need and never met a stranger; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was a man of deep and abiding faith, serving as a member and deacon of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for 52 years; and

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

PART XVII

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks on January 3, 2019; and

WHEREAS, a native of Dacula, Georgia, Mayor Wilbanks was a graduate of the Gwinnett County Public School System and the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks was first elected to serve the citizens of Dacula in 1971, ably and adeptly serving for eight years; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were called upon again in 2002 when he was re-elected as the mayor of Dacula, and he was serving his third term at the time of his passing; and
WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks served as president of the Gwinnett Municipal Association in 2007 and served as a member of the organization's Legislative Policy Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks also served the people of this state through his employment with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Wilbanks was an active member and leader at Hebron Baptist Church; and

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

PART XVIII

WHEREAS, Reverend Marlon Harris has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Harris was born in El Paso, Texas, was raised in South Carolina, and currently serves as the founding pastor of New Life Church in Decatur; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Harris established New Life Community Ministries in 2002 as a mission of New Life Church, which has improved the spiritual and educational growth of the church and the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or humanitarian, Reverend Harris serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Harris and New Life Church is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian and his outstanding church be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.
WHEREAS, Mr. Maron Sidney Buice has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his 16 years of public service as a Gwinnett County Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure from 1968 to 1984 with the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners, Mr. Buice fought hard for securing safety for the traveling public through his work to have signals placed at railroad crossings in North Gwinnett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Buice's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, his influence and determination can be felt today with the countless lives saved due to his hard fought battle to ensure a bridge was constructed on Nelson Brogdon Boulevard/Highway 20 over the railroad tracks, a crossing that claimed the lives of five Forsyth County teenagers in 1970 when their car collided with a train; and

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

WHEREAS, Congressman Michael Allen "Mac" Collins has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a native of Butts County, Georgia, Congressman Collins was educated in the Butts County School System and later served as a business owner and operator of a trucking company; and
WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates as a two-term member of the Georgia Senate; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Congressman Collins successfully unseated an incumbent seeking office for the 3rd District of the United States House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, he served as a Congressman for six terms, ably and adeptly representing the people of Butts County and Georgia with honor and distinction; and

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

PART XXI

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

WHEREAS, as a well-respected leader of Burke County, Mr. Crockett was one of the county's most successful businessmen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett served on the Burke County Board of Commissioners for 16 years, where his tenure included eight years as chairman; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of the community and state as evidenced dramatically by his 24 years of superlative service on the Board of Edmund Burke Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett's leadership and guidance were instrumental in helping the Burke Medical Center achieve and maintain financial viability and in the establishment of an animal control program for Burke County; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Lassetter was born on March 1, 1967, in Newnan, Georgia, the beloved son of George Buren Lassetter and Jacqueline Dyer Lassetter; and

WHEREAS, at age 12, Mr. Lassetter began working in his family's businesses, Lassetter Transport, Coweta Gas Company, Troup County Gas Company, and Meriweather County Gas Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter took over the family's businesses in 1979 and continued to lead them successfully for over 35 years; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate business man, Mr. Lassetter would often provide aid or free gas services to the elderly who were unable to pay for their monthly heating bills; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter was known by many as a father figure and leader, raising not only his three biological children but many children in need as a foster parent; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lassetter was a member and deacon at Unity Baptist Church, where he worked tirelessly on the church's worship center and adjoining facilities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter's life was tragically cut short, when on December 5, 2012, he entered a burning building to help a person trapped on a forklift and later passed away from the severe burns he received as a result; and

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

PART XXIII

WHEREAS, Dr. Eugene Edgar Thomas was born on May 14, 1928, in Atlanta, Georgia, a beloved son of Edgar Thomas and Sophia Lyman Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1946, where he was an honor student and a basketball star, and received an academic and sports scholarship to the Tuskegee Institute; and
WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas received a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical education in 1950, then later studied at Atlanta University and Georgia State College; he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean Conflict, where he served for three years as a second lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, in 1953, Dr. Thomas was appointed assistant boys work director by the Butler Street YMCA; and, in 1955, he entered the teaching profession, in which he served the Atlanta Public School System for 31 years; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas received many awards and honors throughout his career, including being named Teacher of the Year twice, being selected Star Teacher by a former student in 1969, and being honored by WXIA with "The Community Service Award for Rendering Outstanding Service to Youth" in the City of Atlanta in 1978; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas served on the staff of the George Washington Carver Boys and Girls Club and was appointed unit director of the Salvation Army Bellwood Boys and Girls Club, a position in which he served for 26 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Elmo James, Jr., was born on June 14, 1943, the beloved son of Elmo James, Sr., and Ozzie Thomas; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James graduated with honors from Archer High School and attended Morehouse College on a full academic scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Mr. James served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during the Vietnam War and later worked as an air traffic controller for the Federal Aviation Administration at Hampton, Georgia's regional air station; and

WHEREAS, after 14 years with the Federal Aviation Administration, Mr. James became an entrepreneur in a downtown Atlanta business and was a constant support for his wife and Dr. Thomas' daughter, Senator Donzella James, in her work as a public servant; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in their memory.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the northern bridge on U.S. 280 over Interstate 16 at exit 143 in Bryan County is dedicated as the Georgia Southern Nursing Angels Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 92 east of I-575 that spans Noonday Creek in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Patrick Price Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 39 over Drag Nasty Creek in Clay County is dedicated as the James Bland, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 52 East from First Avenue to Greenfield Road in Gilmer County is dedicated as the G.L. Huff Family Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 515 over Ada Street in Blue Ridge, Georgia, is dedicated as the John D. McDaniel Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 84 from the eastern corporate limits of the City of Ludowici to the Long County/Liberty County line is dedicated as the Chief Frank McClelland, Jr., Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 138 from State Route 85 to US 19/US 41 is dedicated as the Charles Ware, Sr., Memorial Highway.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 85 over Metropolitan Parkway in Fulton County is dedicated as the Grace W. Davis Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the Interstate 95 interchange at Exit 7 in Camden County is dedicated as the Patriots of Thiokol Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120 between State Route 316 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Richard L. Tucker Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120 from its intersection with State Route 13 in Duluth to Parsons Road in Johns Creek is dedicated as the Bill Russell Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 78 from Snellville to Loganville in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Wayne Mason Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 52 and Major Abercrombie Road in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the James Chapman Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Harbins Road and Winder Highway (State Route 8) in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Flat Shoals Road/State Route 155 over SR 407/Interstate 285 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Marlon Harris and New Life Church Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Nelson Brogdon Boulevard/Highway 20 crossing over the railroad tracks located just before the intersection of Highway 20 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Maron Sidney Buice Bridge.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from Kings Drive to Higgins Road in Butts County is dedicated as the Congressman Mac Collins Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Highway 56 from Brier Creek to Old Waynesboro Road in Burke County is dedicated as the R. Wayne Crockett Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from Old Carrollton Road to the Chattahoochee River is dedicated as the Jimmy Lassetter Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of John Lewis Freedom Parkway (State Route 10) and Boulevard NE in Fulton County is dedicated as the Dr. Eugene Thomas and Elmo James Overlook Intersection.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Mr. Richard L. Tucker, Dr. Bill Russell, Mr. Wayne Mason, Reverend Marlon Harris and New Life Church, and Mr. Maron Sidney Buice; and to the families of Caitlyn Baggett; Morgan Bass; Emily Clark; Abbie Deloach; Catherine McKay Pittman; Mr. Patrick Price; Mr. James Bland, Sr.; G.L. Huff; Reverend John D. McDaniel; Mr. Benjamin "Benny" Norton Whitaker; Chief Frank McClelland, Jr.; Mr. Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr.; Thomas Morton Fort, Jr.; Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware, Sr.; the Honorable Grace Wilkerson Davis; Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman; Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks; Congressman Michael Allen "Mac" Collins; Mr. R. Wayne Crockett; Mr. Jimmy Lassetter; Dr. Eugene Edgar Thomas; and Mr. Elmo James, Jr.