Senate Resolution 67
By: Senators Anderson of the 24th, Stone of the 23rd, Miller of the 49th, Dugan of the 30th, Henson of the 41st and others

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

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

PART I

2 WHEREAS, Senator William "Bill" S. Jackson 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

3 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 decades of public service; and

4 WHEREAS, a graduate of Evans High School in Columbia County, Senator Jackson founded a tile and stone distribution company, Tile Center, Inc., in 1961 in Augusta which has grown to include four other locations in Georgia and South Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, his service as past president of the Merchants Association of Columbia County and Martinez-Evans Jaycees, past region president of the Georgia Jaycees, and past national director of the U.S. Jaycees is further testimony to his commitment to public service; and

6 WHEREAS, he was elected to serve as chairman on the Columbia County Board of Education prior to serving as director of the Georgia School Boards Association; and

7 WHEREAS, Senator Jackson was elected as a representative to the Georgia House of Representatives, where he served for 16 years as a member of numerous influential committees, including the House Committees on Industry and Labor, Trade and Tourism, Natural Resources and the Environment, and Special Judiciary; and
WHEREAS, his leadership continued with his service on the State Board of Corrections and upon his election to the Georgia Senate in 2007, where he represented District 24 for ten years as Secretary of the Rules Committee and as a member of the Appropriations, Administrative Affairs, Ethics, Public Safety, Reapportionment and Redistricting, and State Institutions and Property committees and served as floor leader for Governor Nathan Deal for six years; and

WHEREAS, he has earned distinction and numerous awards and accolades, including a 2006 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Columbia County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Senator Jackson'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 have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

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

PART II

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackie Holder 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 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 decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holder was elected as the sole county commissioner for Bleckley County in 1976, a position he proudly maintained until 1998; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as county commissioner, Bleckley County experienced great economic and employment growth, with increases to the county tax base and operating revenues for the county; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holder's leadership was instrumental in the remodeling of the county jail, renovation of the court house, construction of a health department building and other
government offices, establishment of a county landfill, and opening of several fire stations; and

WHEREAS, as county commissioner, Mr. Holder promoted the paving of county roads, laid the foundation for establishing an organized street naming process to aid in emergency response, and worked with the Georgia Department of Transportation to plan, develop, and implement the Highway 87 Bypass which has greatly helped maintain steady traffic flow in middle Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holder worked with Bleckley Memorial Hospital during financial downturns to ensure that high quality hospital and ambulatory services remained available to all citizens of Bleckley County; 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 III

WHEREAS, Mr. Dick Campbell 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 people of Towns County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell moved to Towns County in 1936 and shortly thereafter purchased the Alexander Griss Mill, which provided flour and cornmeal; and

WHEREAS, years later he opened a country store next to the Crooked Creek Bridge, where he sold clothing and groceries to the people of Towns County and became a fixture of the local community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell was known for his kindness, generosity, and understanding, always going out of his way to help others in need; and

WHEREAS, he was responsible for ensuring that many hungry children were fed when their families struggled to put food on the family table; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Campbell arranged for local children to pick blackberries to sell at his store or be purchased by other stores; and
WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Campbell was a good natured man who also served as constable for the community of Brasstown; 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 IV

WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil J. Embry was born on January 30, 1926, in Madison County, Georgia, the only son of Carlton and Lula Mae Embry; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Embry moved to Eatonton, Georgia, in December, 1939, where he attended Phoenix School, began farming with his father on New Phoenix Road, and began dairying in 1941; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II; and

WHEREAS, at the conclusion of the war, Mr. Embry returned to the family farm on Phoenix Road, which he purchased from his father, and resumed the family's dairy business; and

WHEREAS, in 1947 he married his beloved wife, Florence Carnes, and they had three children, Roy, Shirley, and Carol, and he remained in the dairy business until his passing in 1985; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Embry was an upstanding resident of Putnam County, Georgia; an active member of his community and a kind neighbor; and a longtime member of Philadelphia Church; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Embry served his community on the Putnam County Board of Tax Assessors, the Putnam Welfare Board, the Georgia Milk Producers Board, and the Eatonton Cooperative Feed Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Embry served his community on the Putnam County Board of Tax Assessors, the Putnam Welfare Board, the Georgia Milk Producers Board, and the Eatonton Cooperative Feed Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Embry was a proud member of the local American Legion Post and served as Post Commander of V.F.W. Post 6686; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished example of America's Greatest Generation be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART V

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Patrol Officer Anthony Christie on May 25, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Patrol Officer Christie served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy for 13 years and was recognized with the Navy Achievement Medal, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Global War on Terror Expeditionary Medal, and Global War on Terror Medal; and

WHEREAS, following his dedicated service to the United States military, Patrol Officer Christie joined the Savannah Police Department in December, 2015; and

WHEREAS, during his years with the Savannah Police Department he earned the Teamwork Award for assisting with the search and rescue of a missing child who was abandoned in a wooded area by a robbery suspect; and

WHEREAS, Patrol Officer Christie 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, his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty when his patrol car was struck by a tractor trailer on Interstate 16 while he was assisting with traffic control at the scene of an accident collision investigation; and

WHEREAS, Patrol Officer Christie exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.
WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence James Gillis 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 people of Atkinson County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the Gillis family members were pioneers in the area of Atkinson County near the Satilla River as some of the first settlers on both the Stokesville side of the river and the Mt. Zion side of the river; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gillis served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly serving during World War I from 1917 to 1919; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Gillis was a founding member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church's Sunday school, and he served the church for many years as a deacon; 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.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy Edward Monroe Evans on November 4, 1994; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Evans served as dedicated and respected law enforcement officer in Jackson County 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, his life was cut short in the line of duty when he was struck by a vehicle on Interstate 85 while writing a traffic citation; and

WHEREAS, a true public servant, Deputy Evans was an active member of the Commerce community and was known for his bright smile and for always being ready to lend a helping hand to someone in need; and
WHEREAS, Deputy Evans 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, Representative Joe Heckstall 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 decades of public service; and

WHEREAS, Representative Heckstall was elected as a councilmember for the City of East Point, making him the first African American to be elected to the city council; and

WHEREAS, his leadership continued upon his election to the Georgia House of Representatives, where 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; and

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

PART IX

WHEREAS, Mr. Edward "Ed" Menifee 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. Menifee devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, dedicating his life to uplifting others in need; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Menifee utilized his experience and expertise as a youth educator and business developer to teach entrepreneurship to young people with the Southwest Atlanta Youth Business Organization (SWAYBO) and to adults through his participation in the Georgia Bar Association Support to Improve Correctional Services (BASICS) program; and

WHEREAS, as founder and director of SWAYBO, Mr. Menifee trained and motivated youth in the areas of life, education, and business, offering weekly training sessions for 40 years; and

WHEREAS, as program director of BASICS, Mr. Menifee was responsible for developing courses, providing instruction, and serving as a mentor to inmates and providing aid in their transition to successful and productive lives upon release from prison; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and dedication to others were recognized with numerous awards and accolades from the State Bar of Georgia; Atlanta City Council; Atlanta Business League; Concerned Black Clergy; the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change; Southern Bell; the Equitable Company; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

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

PART X

WHEREAS, Hall County has served as home to the Atlanta Falcons' training facility and corporate offices since 1998; and

WHEREAS, for over two decades, the Falcons have served as a vital part of the fabric of the Flowery Branch and Hall County communities; and

WHEREAS, the Falcons have helped put the Hall County region on the international map; and

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Falcons and their players have a well-deserved reputation for giving back to others through their efforts and partnerships with Habitat for Humanity, Sisu Child Development Center, and numerous other organizations; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the dedication and determination of these fine athletes be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in their honor.

PART XI

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

WHEREAS, Sergeant Corey E. Spates demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and defended this country with honor and distinction, giving the ultimate sacrifice on February 10, 2008, during Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Spates demonstrated selfless service to this nation, and his unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States is an inspiration to others; and

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

PART XII

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 XIII

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of Ms. Marcy Tarrer Massey on May 14, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Massey grew up in the small town of Ideal, Georgia, where she was beloved by her family and many friends and enjoyed spending her free time at the local swimming pool; and

WHEREAS, as a child, her infectious smile that brightened a room earned her the nickname "Sunshine" from many of her teachers; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Hallie Turner Private School in Columbus, Ms. Massey attended Macon State University and Middle Georgia College; and

WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Massey attended Ideal Baptist Church, and she was very involved in giving back to her community through local charity events; and

WHEREAS, she was a devoted mother to her two adoring daughters, making many sacrifices for her children and showering them with love and support; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in her memory.

PART XIV

WHEREAS, Ms. Sparkle K. Adams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force and Air Force Reserve for 25 years; and

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

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams was elected as the first African American councilmember for the City of Forest Park, Georgia, and served as mayor pro tem and later interim mayor; and

WHEREAS, as mayor pro tem, Ms. Adams consistently demonstrated her commitment to sound fiscal responsibility, as shown by her ability help adjust the city's overall budget and achieve a 10 percent reduction in departmental expenses during her first six months in office; and

WHEREAS, her commitment to Forest Park and Clayton County continues today as founder and executive director of Walking In Authority Teen Council, Inc. (WIATC), an organization that educates teens and parents on civic duty, leadership, empowerment, accountability, and responsibility through community service, networking, and relationship building; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adams' leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including as president of the Kiwanis Club and the Atlanta Metro Chapter of the National Association of Black Military Women and as a member of the Clayton County Superintendent of School's Community Advisory Board and the Clayton County Board of Health's Community Advisory Board; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a Servant Leadership Award from the Georgia Women's Legislative Caucus; and

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

PART XV

WHEREAS, Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron, also known as "Hammer" or "Hammerin' Hank," was born on February 5, 1934, in Mobile, Alabama, as one of seven children in a modest family; and

WHEREAS, he went on to play 21 seasons for the Milwaukee/Atlanta Braves in the National League of Major League Baseball and two seasons for the Milwaukee Brewers in the American League; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement, Hank Aaron has worked for the Atlanta Braves and, in 1982, was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, in 1999, Major League Baseball created the Hank Aaron Award to recognize top offensive players in the league; in 2002, Hank Aaron received the Presidential Medal of Freedom; and

WHEREAS, with his wife and fellow civic leader, Billye Suber, Hank Aaron created the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation, which has sent more than 1,000 students to college at institutions such as Morehouse College, Atlanta Technical College, Berry College, Clark Atlanta University, and Spelman College; and

WHEREAS, Morehouse School of Medicine has been a grateful recipient of the Aarons' generosity, including a $3 million gift in 2015 to expand the Hugh M. Gloster Medical Education Building and create the Billye Suber Aaron Student Pavilion; and

WHEREAS, this iconic Atlantan has long served as a bridge to success, therefore it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor which will stand as a lasting tribute to the man, his legend, his legacy, and his unflagging dedication to the City of Atlanta and the Westside.
WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, the 3rd United States Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) is the oldest active infantry regiment in the United States Army, with its history being traced back to the Colonial days; and

WHEREAS, members of The Old Guard demonstrate a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, these brave patriots serve as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty, and it is important that they are thanked for their selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in their honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 20 and Highway 221/Exit 183 in Columbia County is dedicated as the Senator Bill Jackson Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of the Highway 87 Bypass from the intersection of Highway 87 and Bellflower Drive to the intersection of Highway 87 and Holly Ross Road in Bleckley County is dedicated as the Jackie Holder Bypass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 66 over Crooked Creek/Brasstown Creek in Towns County is dedicated as the Dick Campbell Bridge.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 16 between Pea Ridge Road and Old Phoenix Road in Putnam County is dedicated as the Cecil J. Embry Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 16 and State Route 307 in Chatham County is dedicated as the SPD Patrol Officer Anthony Christie Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 64 over Satilla River in Atkinson County is dedicated as the Lawrence James Gillis Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 85 between mile markers 131 and 133 in Jackson County is dedicated as the Edward Monroe Evans Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at the interchange of I-285 and Camp Creek Parkway in Fulton County is dedicated as the Representative Joe Heckstall Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive SW over Interstate 285 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Edward "Ed" Menifee Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the new interchange on Interstate 985 at Exit 14 in Hall County is dedicated as the Atlanta Falcons Training Facility Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 14 and Pegasus Parkway in Troup County is dedicated as the Sgt. Corey E. Spates Purple Heart Memorial Intersection.

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 portion of State Route 49 South from mile marker 1 to mile marker 2 in Sumter County is dedicated as the Marcy Tarrer Massey Memorial Mile.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 75 at State Route 331/Forest Parkway Exit in Clayton County is dedicated as the Sparkle K. Adams Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Lee Street over Interstate 20 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Hank Aaron Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of GA 113 and Interstate 20 at Exit 19 in Carroll County is dedicated as the 3rd U.S. Army Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) 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 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to Senator William "Bill" S. Jackson, Mr. Jackie Holder, Representative Joe Heckstall, the Atlanta Falcons, Ms. Sparkle K. Adams, Mr. Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron, and the 3rd U.S. Army Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard); and to the families of Mr. Dick Campbell, Mr. Cecil J. Embry, Patrol Officer Anthony Christie, Mr. Lawrence James Gillis, Deputy Edward Monroe Evans, Mr. Edward "Ed" Menifee, Sergeant Corey E. Spates, Mr. Jimmy Lassetter, and Ms. Marcy Tarrer Massey.