

House Resolution 25 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Spencer of the 180th, Jones of the 167th, and Corbett of the 174th

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio was born on October 8, 1988, in
4 Knoxville, Tennessee, and graduated from Camden County High School in 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, Senior Airman Porfirio served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty
6 with the United States Air Force and was halfway through his first six-month deployment in
7 Afghanistan when he was shot three times in the back while his unit was installing
8 communication lines; and

9 WHEREAS, the bullets shattered his stomach and he underwent several surgeries before the
10 doctors at Walter Reed Army Medical Center determined that removal of his pancreas was
11 necessary; and

12 WHEREAS, in a groundbreaking procedure, Senior Airman Porfirio's doctors removed his
13 bullet-ridden pancreas and flew the organ to the University of Miami where doctors
14 harvested islet cells which were then flown back to Walter Reed and transferred into his
15 liver; and

16 WHEREAS, this procedure, considered by many to be a medical miracle, allowed his liver
17 to produce insulin needed to prevent Senior Airman Porfirio from developing a severe case
18 of diabetes; and

19 WHEREAS, exactly one year to the day after sustaining his life-threatening injuries in
20 Afghanistan, Senior Airman Porfirio passed away in Missouri while visiting friends; and

21 WHEREAS, he left behind many who cherish his life and memory, including his son,
22 Landon; father, Karl; and brothers, Damian, Paul, Adam, and T.J.; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
24 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his
25 memory.

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PART II

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Emmett R. "Whitey" Lollis has long been recognized for the vital role he
28 played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
29 Georgia; and

30 WHEREAS, in 1944 and before the completion of ninth grade, Mr. Lollis dropped out of
31 school to join the United States Marine Corps; and

32 WHEREAS, after his discharge from military service in 1947, Mr. Lollis joined the state
33 highway department as a rodman on a staking/survey party, where he worked for two years
34 before being called back into the service at the start of the Korean Conflict; and

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Lollis returned to the state highway department 14 months later upon his
36 discharge as a Staff Sergeant and attended night school in order to earn his high school
37 diploma; and

38 WHEREAS, he later earned his civil engineering degree, and upon graduation from the
39 Southern Technical Institute, he returned once again to the state highway department to serve
40 as an engineer on road and bridge projects; and

41 WHEREAS, during his career with the department, Mr. Lollis was responsible for bridge
42 inspection throughout the Thomaston district, ensuring safety for the traveling public; and

43 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the department, Mr. Lollis established Lollis-Priest
44 and Associates which performed land surveying, site design planning, and engineering
45 consultation services; and

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

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PART III

49 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
50 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Officer Henry Tilman Davis; and

51 WHEREAS, a native of Lumpkin County, Georgia, Officer Davis graduated from Lumpkin
52 County High School and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
53 United States Army as a military policeman from August 31, 1963, to June 28, 1966; and

54 WHEREAS, Officer Davis began his career with the Gainesville Police Department on
55 June 28, 1969; and

56 WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in September of 1972 after his patrol vehicle
57 was struck from behind and forced into oncoming traffic while traveling on Dawsonville
58 Highway in Gainesville; and

59 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
60 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

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

63 **PART IV**

64 WHEREAS, Mr. Henry Grady Layson, Sr., was born on December 1, 1891, in Jasper
65 County, Georgia; and

66 WHEREAS, an adept farmer, Mr. Layson operated a cotton gin and several saw mills
67 throughout Georgia, South Carolina, and Florida; and

68 WHEREAS, because Mr. Layson did not obtain a formal education of his own, he was driven
69 to help others in his community uplift their lives through scholarship; and

70 WHEREAS, he built a schoolhouse in Putnam County named Henderson Grove and hired
71 the school's first teacher; and

72 WHEREAS, Mr. Layson also established a school which allowed teachers to live on site and
73 hired the first agriculture teacher for Jasper County; and

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

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PART V

77 WHEREAS, Mr. Otis Ray Redding, Jr., was a singer, song writer, record producer, arranger,
78 and talent scout who has been called one of the 'Kings of Soul' for his amazing talent as a
79 soul music and rhythm and blues artist; and

80 WHEREAS, he was born in Dawson, Georgia, on September 9, 1941, the beloved son of
81 Fannie Mae Redding and Otis Redding, Sr.; and

82 WHEREAS, at the age of 15, Mr. Redding quit school to help financially support his family
83 after his father contracted tuberculosis, working as a well digger, gas station attendant, and
84 musician; and

85 WHEREAS, he performed in talent shows for prize money and with Little Richard's backing
86 band, the Upsetters; and

87 WHEREAS, Mr. Redding's first single, *Arms of Mine*, hit the musical charts in 1962 and he
88 was famous for such other hits as *Respect* and *Try a Little Tenderness*; and

89 WHEREAS, after his untimely and tragic passing in an airplane crash, Mr. Redding's iconic
90 (*Sittin' on*) *The Dock of the Bay* became the first posthumous number one record on both the
91 *Billboard* Hot 100 and R & B charts; and

92 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous posthumous honors and accolades, including
93 a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award and induction into the Georgia Music Hall of Fame,
94 the Songwriters Hall of Fame, and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame; and

95 WHEREAS, in 1993, the United States Post Office recognized Mr. Redding's enduring
96 musical influence and talent by issuing a commemorative stamp in his honor; and

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

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PART VI

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

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

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

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

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

117 **PART VII**

118 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
119 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Corporal Richard "Ricky" Allen Hall on
120 September 16, 2015; and

121 WHEREAS, Corporal Hall served as a member of the Chatham County Sheriff's Department
122 and his life was tragically cut short after an automobile accident in Bryan County; and

123 WHEREAS, a native of Savannah, Corporal Hall graduated from Tompkins High School,
124 attended South University, and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
125 the United States Marine Corps; and

126 WHEREAS, Corporal Hall dedicated 14 years to protecting and serving the people of
127 Chatham County with the Sheriff's Department; and

128 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
129 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

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

132 **PART VIII**

133 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante was born on May 10, 1972, in San Diego,
134 California, and moved to Athens, Georgia, at the age of four; and

135 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Mercardante served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
136 liberty with the United States Marine Corps and his life was tragically cut short on April 15,
137 2008, when he was killed in Afghanistan by a roadside bomb near the Pakistani border; and

138 WHEREAS, as a small child, First Sergeant Mercardante received an injury to his right hand
139 that resulted in some limited range of usage but that never prevented him from working hard
140 to achieve his dream of serving his country in the military; and

141 WHEREAS, after spending two years at the University of Georgia, First Sergeant
142 Mercardante enlisted on April 22, 1992, and despite being initially rejected as a recruit for
143 the Marine Corps due to his hand limitations, he requested to be reconsidered and went on
144 to graduate boot camp as the Honor Graduate; and

145 WHEREAS, he went on to serve deployments in Okinawa, Hawaii, Tokyo, Spain, and
146 throughout the continental United States; and

147 WHEREAS, First Sergeant Mercardante will long be remembered for his love of family and
148 friendship, and this loyal father, son, and friend will be missed by all who had the great
149 fortune of knowing him; and

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

152 **PART IX**

153 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
154 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller on
155 January 12, 1998; and

156 WHEREAS, Deputy Dinkheller served as a member of the Laurens County Sheriff's Office
157 and his life was tragically cut short after he was murdered during a traffic stop; and

158 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
159 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

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

162 **PART X**

163 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
164 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Officer Kevin Jordan on May 31, 2014; and

165 WHEREAS, Officer Jordan served as a member of the Griffin Police Department and his life
166 was tragically cut short after he was killed while working security detail at a Waffle House;
167 and

168 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
169 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

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

172 **PART XI**

173 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Ben
174 Barron Ross on December 30, 2016; and

175 WHEREAS, Mr. Ross was born on July 26, 1921, the beloved son of James Morgan Ross
176 and Kate Barron Ross; and

177 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree and law degree from Mercer University and
178 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during
179 World War II; and

180 WHEREAS, Mr. Ross moved to Lincolnton, Georgia, in 1949 and was elected to serve as
181 a state representative with the Georgia General Assembly in 1957, a position he continued
182 to adeptly serve in for 28 years; and

183 WHEREAS, he served as the attorney for Lincoln County for 38 years, during which time
184 he was instrumental in paving the way for a new library building and was a member of the
185 Lincolnton United Methodist Church and Lincoln County Historical Society; and

186 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
187 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

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

190 **PART XII**

191 WHEREAS, the Brown and Mauldin families of Towns County, Georgia, have a rich history
192 and tradition of service to the community; and

193 WHEREAS, Ezekiel Brown purchased the Brown family farm in 1857 while Alexander
194 Mauldin settled his family on property in Towns County in 1840; and

195 WHEREAS, both sites have had generations of the respective families live and farm the
196 properties; and

197 WHEREAS, James Norwood Brown was a pharmacist and farmer who raised seven boys on
198 the farm while his brother, Walter Scott Brown, served as the first cooperative extension
199 agent for Towns County and was the Cooperative Extension State Director from 1937 to
200 1954; and

201 WHEREAS, the Brown family farm, currently maintained by Walter Brown's grandson,
202 Frank Riley, Jr., contains 1/2 mile of one of the only natural stretches remaining on the
203 Hiawassee River; and

204 WHEREAS, Alexander Mauldin served as sheriff and postal clerk in several North Georgia
205 counties and as one of the town commissioners when Hiawassee was incorporated in 1870;
206 and

207 WHEREAS, Douglas England Mauldin was born in 1861 and farmed the property where he
208 raised 11 children and his son, Earl Mauldin, was born in 1895 and also farmed the property
209 and raised nine children on the farm; and

210 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
211 Georgia families be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

212 **PART XIII**

213 WHEREAS, PFC Roland E. Rush was born on August 14, 1945, in LaFayette, Georgia, the
214 beloved son of Carl E. and Mary R. Rush; and

215 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
216 States military and paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country on May 20, 1967, in Quang
217 Ngai Province, Vietnam; and

218 WHEREAS, PFC Rush's commitment and service were recognized with numerous accolades,
219 including Combat Infantryman Badge, Silver Star, Purple Heart, National Defense Service
220 Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and Vietnam Cross of Gallantry
221 with Palm Unit Citation; and

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

225 WHEREAS, PFC Rush embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
226 greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and
227 distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his
228 memory.

229 **PART XIV**

230 WHEREAS, Mr. Alex Cooley and Mr. Peter Conlon have long been recognized for their
231 influence in the music industry and the marks they have made upon the lives of countless
232 musicians; and

233 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooley and Mr. Conlon joined together in 1982 to create Concert/Southern
234 Promotions, which grew into one of the country's top ten concert promotion firms, producing
235 more than 300 shows per year and running iconic Atlanta music venues such as the
236 Tabernacle, the Cotton Club, and Coca-Cola Roxy; and

237 WHEREAS, in the late 1980's, the duo changed their company name to Alex Cooley/Peter
238 Conlon Presents and produced the Chastain Park Summer Concert Series that featured James
239 Taylor, Steve Winwood, Don Henley, Alicia Keys, Chicago, Whitney Houston, and many
240 other world famous artists; and

241 WHEREAS, in 1994, the two founded the Music Midtown Festival, which has grown to an
242 internationally recognized success, attracting 300,000 music fans and more than 100 major
243 and up-and-coming acts representing all genres of music on the festival's outdoor stages; and

244 WHEREAS, since selling their company in 1997, Mr. Cooley and Mr. Conlon have remained
245 active in the community and music industry, with Mr. Cooley representing Georgia at the
246 G-8 Summit in 2004 and serving on the Board of Governors for the Georgia Chapter of the
247 National Academy of Recording Arts and Sciences, while Mr. Conlon serves on the
248 Governor's Film and Movie Advisory Commission, as chairman of the Mayor's Music
249 Advisory Commission, and as an active board director for Camp Sunshine; and

250 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
251 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their honor.

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PART XV

253 WHEREAS, Corporal Dennis "Denny" R. Wallin was born on September 19, 1948, in
254 LaFayette, Georgia, the beloved son of Pauline and Raymond Wallin; and

255 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
256 States Marine Corps as a rifleman and after one week of returning home from deployment
257 in the Vietnam War, he volunteered to return on a special mission to assist in the retrieval of
258 American soldiers killed in action; and

259 WHEREAS, Corporal Wallin made the ultimate sacrifice for his country on February 6,
260 1968, in Quang Nam Province, Vietnam, at only 19 years of age after taking on direct fire
261 while helping recover his fallen comrades; and

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

265 WHEREAS, Corporal Wallin embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
266 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable
267 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

268 **PART XVI**

269 WHEREAS, Claude Edgar and Bertha Catlin Johnson have long been recognized by the
270 citizens of this state for the vital role they played in leadership and their deep personal
271 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

272 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was born in Monroe, Georgia, on October 11, 1893, and served
273 as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army during World
274 War I; and

275 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Bertha Catlin and their unyielding loyalty
276 and devotion to one another served as an inspiration to their family, friends, and neighbors;
277 and

278 WHEREAS, they were blessed with the love of their ten remarkable children, Cyrus,
279 Winfred, Marcia, Elsie, Calvin, Gwendolyn, Barbara, Claude, Cleopatra, and Virginia; and

280 WHEREAS, known for their generosity and kindness, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson made the world
281 a better place in which to live, with many incredible contributions to their family,
282 community, and state; and

283 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body honor the lives
284 and careers of these distinguished Georgians by dedicating a road in their memory.

285 **PART XVII**

286 WHEREAS, John Andrew Smoltz, born May 15, 1967, and nicknamed "Smoltzie," is an
287 American former baseball pitcher and active sportscaster who played 21 seasons in Major
288 League Baseball, garnered eight All-Star selections and the 1996 National League Cy Young
289 Award, and was elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame in 2015, his first year of eligibility; and

290 WHEREAS, he is the only pitcher in major league history to top both 200 wins and 150
291 saves; in 2008, he became the 16th member of the 3,000 strikeout club; and

292 WHEREAS, John Smoltz was an All-State baseball and basketball player at Waverly High
293 School in Lansing, Michigan, before he was drafted by the Detroit Tigers, and on
294 August 12, 1987, he was traded to the Atlanta Braves; and

295 WHEREAS, in the 1996 season, he went 24-8 with a 2.94 ERA and 276 strikeouts, including
296 winning a franchise record 14 straight decisions, won the National League Cy Young with
297 26 of the 28 first-place votes, and was awarded a Silver Slugger Award for his batting; and

298 WHEREAS, his career accomplishments include being elected to the National Baseball Hall
299 of Fame on 82.9 percent of the vote in 2015, being named an eight-time All-Star and the
300 National League Championship Series MVP in 1992, holding the Atlanta Braves record for
301 most wins in a season, leading the Major Leagues in strikeouts in 1996 with 276, leading the
302 national league in win percentage in 1996, winning the National League Rolaids Relief Man
303 of the Year Award in 2002, holding the Braves record for most saves in a season in 2002
304 with 55, holding the Braves record for most strikeouts in a career with 3,011, receiving the
305 Branch Rickey Award for exceptional community service in 2007, being the only MLB
306 pitcher with more than one post-season stolen base, and incurring 15 post-season wins; and

307 WHEREAS, a born-again Christian, John Smoltz founded and has served as Chairman of the
308 Board at Alpharetta-based King's Ridge Christian School and is a member of the
309 Presbyterian Church in America; and

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

312 **PART XVIII**

313 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Kastner was born on September 15, 1937, in Batesville, Georgia,
314 and was raised in Habersham County where, as a teenager, he helped his father build chicken
315 houses and cabins along Lake Burton; and

316 WHEREAS, a graduate of Habersham County High School, Mr. Kastner owned and operated
317 West Cobb Building Supply and Hardware and West Cobb Trucking in Cobb County; and

318 WHEREAS, he developed 30 subdivisions in Cobb, Fulton, Bartow, and Paulding counties,
319 where he was known for his keen eye for fine aesthetics; and

320 WHEREAS, Mr. Kastner had a rare talent for developing subdivisions that appeared as if
321 streets were as natural as the trees which grew from the land and he served for many years
322 on the Cobb County Building Standards Review Board; and

323 WHEREAS, in his free time Mr. Kastner found great joy in tending his 12 acre farm on
324 Dallas Highway, which was known to friends and neighbors as "the garden"; and

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

327 **PART XIX**

328 WHEREAS, Mr. Jeffrey Marshall Foxworthy was born on September 6, 1958, in Atlanta,
329 Georgia, and is known throughout the world for his comedic talent and "you might be a
330 redneck" jokes; and

331 WHEREAS, a graduate of Hapeville High School, Mr. Foxworthy attended the Georgia
332 Institute of Technology and initially pursued a career following in his father's footsteps
333 working at IBM on mainframe computer maintenance; and

334 WHEREAS, he began his stand-up comedy career at Atlanta's Punchline comedy club after
335 a dare from friends and in 1984, he won the club's Great Southeastern Laugh-off; and

336 WHEREAS, in 1993 he topped the comedy album charts with his *You Might Be a Redneck*
337 *If...*, an album that sold more than 3 million copies; and

338 WHEREAS, he received a Grammy nomination for Best Spoken Comedy Album for his
339 1995 album, *Games Rednecks Play*, and performed a one-hour HBO stand-up special in
340 1998; and

341 WHEREAS, Mr. Foxworthy starred in his own sitcom derived from his stand-up routines
342 entitled, *The Jeff Foxworthy Show*, and hosted the popular game show, *Are You Smarter*
343 *Than a Fifth Grader?*; and

344 WHEREAS, in the early 2000s, Mr. Foxworthy began the Blue Collar Comedy Tour with
345 three other comedians, focusing their acts on common-man comedy, which helped
346 Mr. Foxworthy later launch Blue Collar TV; and

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

349 **PART XX**

350 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
351 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr., on
352 April 17, 1986; and

353 WHEREAS, a graduate of Valdosta High School, Deputy Rowe served as a member of the
354 Lowndes County Sheriff's Office; and

355 WHEREAS, Deputy Rowe's life was tragically cut short after he was struck by a driver at
356 a police road block; and

357 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
358 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

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

361 **PART XXI**

362 WHEREAS, Mr. Bernard F. Miles was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
363 role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens
364 of Georgia; and

365 WHEREAS, Mr. Miles diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
366 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
367 dramatically by his superlative service with the Richmond County Board of Education and
368 as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives; and

369 WHEREAS, he began his career with Feedwright Milling Company, opened a local grocery
370 store in Augusta, and founded the Richmond County newspaper; and

371 WHEREAS, a successful entrepreneur and businessman, Mr. Miles was also the owner of
372 Fleming Tractor and Equipment Corporation and Fleming Fuel Oil Company; and

373 WHEREAS, he was an early advocate and board member for Teen Town, helped start the
374 Fleming Community Center, and was a member of the board of directors for Richmond
375 County Bank; and

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

378 **PART XXII**

379 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
380 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of Interstate 95 and Laurel Island
381 Parkway in Camden County is dedicated as the Senior Airman Tre Francesco Porfirio
382 Memorial Intersection.

383 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on SR 11/US 129 over
384 Bluff Creek in Pulaski County is dedicated as the Emmett R. "Whitey" Lollis Memorial
385 Bridge.

386 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Beechwood
387 Blvd., NW and SR 53/Dawsonville Highway in Hall County is dedicated as the Officer
388 Henry Tilman Davis Memorial Intersection.

389 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 212
390 from Bragg Road to the Putnam County line in Jasper County is dedicated as the Henry
391 Grady Layson, Sr., Memorial Highway.

392 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge structures on the Gray
393 Bypass over SR 11 in Jones County is dedicated as the Otis Redding Memorial Bridge.

394 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the relocated portions of State
395 Routes 11/22/US 129 in Jones County are dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Parkway.

396 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the I-16 overpass bridge on SR
397 30/US 80/280 in Bryan County is dedicated as the Corporal Rick Hall Memorial Bridge.

398 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 441 at the
399 Oconee/Clarke County line near White Oak Intersection is dedicated as the First Sergeant
400 Luke J. Mercardante Memorial Bridge.

401 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at I-16 and Exit 42
402 (SR 338) in Laurens County is dedicated as the Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller, LCSO 37,
403 Memorial Interchange.

404 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of the 1702 North
405 Expressway (US 19/41) from Lucky Street to Leprade Road in Spalding County is
406 dedicated as the Officer Kevin Jordan Memorial Highway.

407 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway
408 47 in Lincoln County from the intersection of GA 43 and GA 47 in the city limits of
409 Lincolnton to the intersection of GA 47 and GA 220 in Cliatt Crossing is dedicated as the
410 Ben Barron Ross Memorial Highway.

411 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 17 across
412 the Hiawasse River in Towns County is dedicated as the Brown-Mauldin Bridge.

413 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 193
414 and Highway 136 in Cooper Heights is dedicated as the PFC Roland E. Rush Memorial
415 Intersection.

416 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 11/US
417 41 from the State Route 247 Connector North to State Route 49 in Peach County is
418 dedicated as the Cooley-Conlon Highway.

419 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 136 in
420 Walker County is dedicated as the CPL Dennis "Denny" R. Wallin, USMC Memorial
421 Highway.

422 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Northside Drive
423 from Bankhead Highway to Ralph Abernathy Boulevard in Fulton County is dedicated as
424 the Claude Edgar and Bertha Catlin Johnson Drive.

425 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Milton Parkway
426 from GA 400 to Highway 9 in Fulton County is dedicated as the John Smoltz Highway.

427 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120 in
428 Cobb County from Barrett Parkway to the Paulding County line is dedicated as the
429 Charles Kastner Memorial Highway.

430 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 103
431 from the Harris/Troup County line to State Route 219 in Harris County is dedicated as the
432 Jeff Foxworthy Highway.

433 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 31 from
434 the intersection of I-75/SR 401 to the intersection of State Route 7/US 41 in Lowndes
435 County is dedicated as the Deputy John Hall Rowe, Jr., Memorial Highway.

436 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway
437 120 in Haralson County between Corinth Church and Rose's Store is dedicated as the
438 Veterans' Memorial Highway.

439 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 25
440 between Lumpkin Road and I-520 in Richmond County is dedicated as the Bernard F.
441 Miles Memorial Highway.

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

445 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is
446 authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for
447 distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the families of Senior Airman Tre
448 Francesco Porfirio; Mr. Emmett R. "Whitey" Lollis; Officer Henry Tilman Davis; Henry
449 Grady Layson, Sr.; Mr. Otis Ray Redding, Jr.; Corporal Richard "Ricky" Allen Hall; First
450 Sergeant Luke J. Mercardante; Deputy Kyle W. Dinkheller; Officer Kevin Jordan; Mr.
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