

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 937:

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating and renaming certain portions of the state highway system; repealing a portion
2 of a resolution dedicating portions of the state highway system approved on May 7, 2013
3 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 951); and for other purposes.

4 **PART I**

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton has long been recognized by the citizens of
6 this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
7 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family,
8 friends, and neighbors; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Newton was born in Jenkins County, the beloved son of the late John Cleve
10 and Ruby Aycock Newton, and he graduated from the University of Georgia; and

11 WHEREAS, one of Jenkins County's most successful farmers and dairymen, Mr. Newton
12 was a member of the Jenkins County Farm Bureau and the Georgia Dairy Association; and

13 WHEREAS, he ably and adeptly served three terms in the Georgia House of Representatives
14 and one term in the Georgia Senate, championing the interests of his constituents; and

15 WHEREAS, prior to joining the Georgia Senate in 1961, Mr. Newton was a member of the
16 Jenkins County Board of Commissioners for 20 years and served as chairperson for 14 years;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, his leadership was invaluable as vice president and director of the Bank of
19 Millen, director of Millen Warehouse Company, president of Millen Industrial Development
20 Company, president of the Jenkins County Authority, and vice president of John Wilson
21 Company; and

22 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Newton was a member of Millen
23 Methodist Church, where he was active in Bible Class, and was a member of the Millen
24 Rotary Club; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
26 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his memory.

27 **PART II**

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

31 WHEREAS, a native of Douglas County, Georgia, Private First Class Melvin Johnson was
32 born on February 16, 1949, the beloved son of Loren Johnson; and

33 WHEREAS, Private First Class Johnson was a loving brother to his siblings, Willie, Tony,
34 and Vicki; and

35 WHEREAS, a graduate of R.L. Cousins High School in 1966, Private First Class Johnson
36 became an infantry soldier with the United States Armed Forces in November, 1968; and

37 WHEREAS, he lost his life in combat protecting the freedoms that all United States citizens
38 cherish in Binh Duong Province, South Vietnam; and

39 WHEREAS, Private First Class Johnson was the first African American soldier from
40 Douglasville, Georgia, to die in Vietnam and was the second fallen soldier from Douglas
41 County; and

42 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
43 this distinguished Georgian be recognized by naming a bridge in his honor.

44 **PART III**

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

48 WHEREAS, Colonel Lynn "L.E." Witt, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
49 liberty with the United States Army Air Corps and served as a fighter squadron leader in the
50 Allied campaign to take back Japanese held islands in the southwest pacific during World
51 War II; and

52 WHEREAS, he logged 905 combat hours and flew 326 combat missions, more missions than
53 any other American pilot during World War II, and received a Distinguished Service Cross
54 for sinking a Japanese destroyer using only his plane's guns; and

55 WHEREAS, Colonel Witt was also recognized with the Silver Star, the Air Medal with eight
56 oak leaf clusters, the American Campaign medal, the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with
57 one Silver Star, three Bronze Stars, the World War II Victory Medal, the Philippine
58 Liberation Ribbon, and the Philippine Independence Ribbon; and

59 WHEREAS, during his 30 year career with the military, Colonel Witt spent five at Robins
60 Air Force Base as Head of Air Force Recruiting; and

61 WHEREAS, Colonel Witt embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
62 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
63 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
64 appropriately.

65 **PART IV**

66 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated public
67 servants and leaders with the passing of Mr. Joe E. Brown in 1985; and

68 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's leadership began in Liberty County where he was an active
69 member of the Boy Scouts of America program and was the county's first Boy Scout to
70 obtain the prestigious Eagle Scout ranking; and

71 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
72 States Armed Forces and the United States National Guard, retiring from service with the
73 rank of Lieutenant Colonel; and

74 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown began his career as a public servant in 1946 with the Georgia
75 Department of Transportation and dedicated 34 years to the department, retiring in 1979 as
76 a Right of Way Engineer; and

77 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Mr. Brown was elected to the Georgia House of
78 Representatives, where he served on the retirement, industry, and defense and veteran's
79 affairs committees and earned a reputation as a skillful and concerned legislator; and

80 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
81 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and it is abundantly fitting and
82 proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

83 **PART V**

84 WHEREAS, the Watters District area and the Shannon community represent one of the
85 original and most concentrated industrial areas of unincorporated Floyd County in Georgia;
86 and

87 WHEREAS, around the time of the Civil War, Mr. Shannon migrated to northeast Floyd
88 County and established a large commercial sawmill alongside the railroad north of Rome;
89 and

90 WHEREAS, as a result of Mr. Shannon's sawmill, the area became known as Shannon, and
91 later, the area was home to the Brighton Cotton Mill, Floyd County's largest employer with
92 more than 1,500 employees; and

93 WHEREAS, the Shannon community is now home to a Lowe's Distribution Center and two
94 county owned industrial parks; and

95 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated in honor of this
96 important and historical industrial area.

97 **PART VI**

98 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Watson Cullars has long been recognized by the citizens of this
99 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
100 welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family,
101 friends, and neighbors; and

102 WHEREAS, Mr. Cullars was one of the largest land owners in Lincoln County and was a
103 logger by trade; and

104 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
105 for his fellow citizens, supporting the local community by providing food and clothing to the
106 less fortunate; and

107 WHEREAS, Mr. Cullars was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
108 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness who brought joy and happiness
109 to his many friends, neighbors, and family members; and

110 WHEREAS, a dedicated community leader, Mr. Cullars served for many years on the
111 Lincoln County Board of Education; and

112 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
113 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his memory.

114 **PART VII**

115 WHEREAS, Marquis Deon Grissom was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Lakeshore
116 High School where he excelled in baseball; and

117 WHEREAS, he went on to play for Florida A&M University, and in 1988 he was selected
118 by the Montreal Expos where he worked as a position player; and

119 WHEREAS, Grissom was ultimately traded to the Atlanta Braves, and in his first season they
120 won the World Series with Grissom securing the final out by catching a fly ball; and

121 WHEREAS, he played his final major league years with the San Francisco Giants, who
122 dubbed him a "class act" and a "clubhouse" leader, and in 2003 he won the Willie Mac
123 Award for his spirit and leadership; and

124 WHEREAS, Grissom retired in March, 2006, after a successful 17 year career and currently
125 resides in College Park, Georgia; and

126 WHEREAS, he was hired to become the Washington Nationals first base coach for the 2009
127 season in October, 2008; and

128 WHEREAS, Marquis Grissom leads by example both on and off the field; he sponsors six
129 Little League teams and assists in funding a home school that provides food and shelter for
130 children without parents; and

131 WHEREAS, this magnificent player has earned his well-deserved reputation for excellence
132 by performing with precision and dedication over years of training and competition, and it
133 is abundantly proper to recognize him for his many accomplishments by dedicating a bridge
134 in his honor.

135 **PART VIII**

136 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert Vernon "Bobby" Sikes served as sheriff of Liberty County for a
137 span of five decades and is highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and
138 by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
139 sound principles of law enforcement; and

140 WHEREAS, Mr. Sikes exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
141 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
142 commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers; and

143 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Lynn, for 63 wonderful
144 years, and they have been blessed with three wonderful sons, Robert, Steven, and Edward;
145 and

146 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
147 gratitude for the unique and often unheralded contributions of Mr. Sikes and all local law
148 enforcement officers by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

149 **PART IX**

150 WHEREAS, Friendship Road in Hall County was recently widened, and the project included
151 new realignment for the road.

152 **PART X**

153 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and leaders with the passing
154 of Major Henry Talmage Elrod; and

155 WHEREAS, Major Elrod was born on September 27, 1905, in Turner County, Georgia, and
156 attended the University of Georgia and Yale University; and

157 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
158 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans during
159 World War II; and

160 WHEREAS, Major Elrod single handedly attacked a flight of 22 enemy planes over Wake
161 Island and executed several low altitude bombings and strafing runs on enemy ships; and

162 WHEREAS, he became the first American to sink a Japanese warship, the *Kisaragi*, with
163 small caliber bombs delivered from a fighter aircraft; and

164 WHEREAS, when all the U.S. aircraft had been destroyed by hostile fire, Major Elrod
165 organized the remaining troops into a beach defense unit which repulsed repeated Japanese
166 attacks; and

167 WHEREAS, Major Elrod was mortally wounded on December 23, 1941, while protecting
168 his men who were carrying ammunition to a gun emplacement; and

169 WHEREAS, Major Elrod exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
170 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and
171 proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

172 **PART XI**

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

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

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

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

185 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
186 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding

187 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored
188 appropriately.

189 **PART XII**

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

193 WHEREAS, Major Herndon Cummings, Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel Marion
194 Rodgers were influential Tuskegee Airmen who valiantly and courageously served this
195 nation during World War II and were born in or spent years during their childhood in
196 Laurens County, Georgia; and

197 WHEREAS, a native of Laurens County, Major Herndon Cummings enlisted in the United
198 States Air Corps on June 25, 1942, and was assigned to the 447th Bomber Group with whom
199 he served for four years;

200 WHEREAS, upon completion of his service with the Air Corps, Major Cummings enlisted
201 with the United States Air Force Reserve and dedicated 20 years of additional service to the
202 nation; and

203 WHEREAS, Colonel Marion Rodgers was raised in Dublin, Georgia, and served with an
204 anti-aircraft artillery unit and as a radio operator prior to attending flight school; and

205 WHEREAS, Colonel Rodgers was assigned to the 99th Fighter Squadron, the "Red Tails,"
206 and dedicated 22 years to the Air Force before working in the civil service field for 17 years;
207 and

208 WHEREAS, Colonel Rodgers spent a year working for N.A.S.A. as a program manager on
209 the mission for Apollo 13 and was prominent in the development of electronics and
210 communications procedures with N.O.R.A.D.; and

211 WHEREAS, Colonel John Whitehead spent several years during his youth in Laurens
212 County and flew several missions over Europe during World War II; and

213 WHEREAS, known as "Mr. Death" by his fellow pilots, Colonel Whitehead was the first
214 African American test pilot for the Air Force and during his 30 year career spent more than
215 9,500 hours in the air; and

216 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
217 these distinguished Georgians be appropriately recognized with the naming of an intersection
218 in their honor.

219 **PART XIII**

220 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
221 enforcement officers with the passing of Deputy David W. Gilstrap on October 9, 2008; and

222 WHEREAS, a native of Hapeville, Georgia, Deputy Gilstrap graduated from Rabun
223 Gap-Nacoochee School and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
224 United States Armed Forces; and

225 WHEREAS, as a sergeant in the United States Armed Forces, Deputy Gilstrap was
226 recognized with numerous commendations, including an Army Achievement Medal, Good
227 Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, NCO Professional Development Ribbon,
228 Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon, and Expert Marksmanship Badge for M-16;
229 and

230 WHEREAS, after his 13 year career in the military, Deputy Gilstrap returned home to begin
231 his career in law enforcement with the Clarke County Sheriff's Office; and

232 WHEREAS, a graduate of the North East Georgia Police Academy, Deputy Gilstrap joined
233 the Oconee County Sheriff's Office in 2005 where he worked with the traffic enforcement
234 unit; and

235 WHEREAS, Deputy Gilstrap exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
236 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting
237 and proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

238 **PART XIV**

239 WHEREAS, Mr. William Riley Curry served in the Georgia General Assembly during the
240 1910s and 1920s and entertained many legislators and governors in his home, and he
241 organized and was president and majority stockholder of People's Bank of Shellman, now

242 known as First State Bank of Randolph County, and was a major benefactor of the Georgia
243 Baptist Children's Home, where he established the Nena Ferguson Curry Children's Fund;
244 and at the height of the Great Depression, he established the \$100,000.00 Curry Choir of
245 Christianity at Mercer University, which act of philanthropy allowed Mercer University to
246 remain open at a time when many private universities were forced to close, and he developed
247 railroad lines throughout the South with other capitalists, who were also guests at the family
248 home; and

249 WHEREAS, Mr. Curry built the Curry Home in Shellman, Georgia, in 1906; the home was
250 designed by the architectural firm of Dennis & Dennis of Macon and was constructed by
251 W.I. Jay & Co.; and

252 WHEREAS, he remodeled the imposing, two-story, white clapboard home in 1926, and in
253 1963 James Riley Curry, Sr., inherited the property and commissioned a vast renovation,
254 which was undertaken by the Hugh Gaston Architecture Co. of Albany; and

255 WHEREAS, the current owner, William Scott Curry II, purchased the home from the heirs
256 of the J. R. Curry, Sr., Estate in 2012, and in April of 2013 he began an extensive renovation
257 and remodel of the home; and

258 WHEREAS, the many interesting historic features of the house include fluted ionic columns,
259 unusually fine, leaded cut-glass windows surrounding the massive front doorway, richly
260 colored stained-glass windows, intricately designed bronze ceilings, mahogany wainscoting
261 of the front entrance hall and formal dining room, and the crystal chandelier in the foyer; and

262 WHEREAS, the home in Randolph County stands as a fine monument to Mr. William Riley
263 Curry, a successful Georgia entrepreneur and great philanthropist.

264 **PART XV**

265 WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Eugene Parham has long been recognized by the citizens of this
266 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
267 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

268 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, Mr.
269 Parham's interest in politics was piqued as he worked as a pharmacist for Representative
270 Culver Kidd at the Culver & Kidd Drugstore; and

271 WHEREAS, Mr. Parham successfully ran for the Baldwin County School Board and served
272 as a Baldwin County Commissioner before he was elected to the Georgia House of
273 Representatives; and

274 WHEREAS, he ably and adeptly served his constituents and the State of Georgia as a
275 Representative from 1974 until his retirement in 2009; and

276 WHEREAS, as a member of the House of Representatives, Mr. Parham served on the House
277 Committees on Appropriations, Rules, and Health & Ecology and as chairperson of the
278 House Committee on Transportation; and

279 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the House in 2009, Mr. Parham was elected to the
280 State Transportation Board of the Department of Transportation, representing his hometown
281 of Milledgeville and Baldwin County; and

282 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
283 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized with the naming of a
284 bridge in his honor.

285 **PART XVI**

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

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

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

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

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

302 **PART XVII**

303 WHEREAS, the McDougald family, William Alexander and Catherine Buie McDougald
304 with their youngest child Dougald, immigrated to America in 1841 from the Island of Jura,
305 Great Britain, and settled in North Carolina; and

306 WHEREAS, Dougald and his sons, John Alexander, Duncan, and William, were successful
307 farmers and turpentine producers and were active in civic projects, especially in Bulloch
308 County, Georgia; and

309 WHEREAS, John Alexander McDougald was a major donor in the bid to establish the First
310 District A&M School, which later was named Georgia Southern University, and as a member
311 of the city council and mayor helped the City of Statesboro obtain improved water and
312 sewerage and a complete sanitary system; and

313 WHEREAS, John Alexander McDougald's mansion on South Main Street is listed on the
314 National Register of Historic Places, and he generously gave land to an African American
315 Baptist church on Highway 67 for the benefit of his workers and their families, a church
316 named St. John the Second; and

317 WHEREAS, a most notable achievement of John Alexander McDougald is that he attracted
318 to Statesboro and was host to the internationally acclaimed chemist, Dr. Charles Holmes
319 Herty, who in the year 1900 performed experiments on pine trees located on land now
320 occupied by Georgia Southern University and whose research led to the production of Naval
321 Stores shipped from Statesboro around the world; and

322 WHEREAS, in honor of John Alexander McDougald, the General Assembly created the
323 Herty Advanced Materials Development Center which relocated from Savannah to Georgia
324 Southern University in 2012; and

325 WHEREAS, other members of the McDougald family who have a rich history in Statesboro
326 and Georgia include Bernard McDougald, who served 30 years as a member of the
327 Statesboro City Council; Ruth McDougald, author of a popular local newspaper column;

328 Walter McDougald, an active spokesperson for the growth of the college and of the
329 community of Clito; Worth McDougald, a noted professor at the University of Georgia who
330 shaped the famed Peabody Awards program; Don McDougald, who brought the first FM
331 radio station to Statesboro, developed WWNS Radio, and established the community's cable
332 television system; Maggie McDougald, one of the early communications lawyers in Georgia;
333 Sally Quinn, a noted television commentator and author of several major books, who married
334 Ben Bradley, former editor of the *Washington Post*; Michael McDougald, who has served
335 eight years as chairman of Georgia Public Broadcasting; and William McDougald, editor of
336 *Southern Living Magazine*; and

337 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated in honor of this
338 important and notable Georgia family whose talents and influence stretch from the islands
339 of Scotland to the Pine Forests of Bulloch County, Georgia.

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PART XVIII

341 WHEREAS, Mr. Ray C. Anderson graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology and
342 spent over 14 years learning the carpet trade with Deering-Milliken and Callaway Mills
343 before founding Interface, a company that produced the first free-lay carpet tiles in America;
344 and

345 WHEREAS, since the company's establishment in 1973, Interface has grown to be the
346 world's largest producer of modular commercial flooring with sales in 110 countries and
347 manufacturing facilities on four continents; and

348 WHEREAS, under the enlightened and thoughtful vision of Mr. Anderson, Interface adopted
349 a Mission Zero promise, which aims to eliminate any negative impact it may have on the
350 environment by the year 2020 and to reduce or eliminate waste and harmful emissions while
351 increasing the use of renewable materials and sources of energy; and

352 WHEREAS, a pioneer of conscientious business practices, Mr. Anderson and his dedication
353 to improving the environment have been recognized with numerous awards, including a
354 Design for Humanity Award from the American Society for Interior Designers, a Lifetime
355 Achievement Award from GreenLaw, and a River Guardian Award from the Upper
356 Chattahoochee Riverkeeper organization, just to name a few; and

357 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson served as a co-chair on President Clinton's Council on
358 Sustainable Development and the 2008 Presidential Climate Action Plan; and

359 WHEREAS, a sought-after speaker and advisor on all eco-issues, Mr. Anderson was named
360 one of *TIME* magazine's Heroes of the Environment in 2007, was honored with an inaugural
361 Millennium Award from Global Green, and earned recognition as Entrepreneur of the Year
362 in 1996 from Ernst & Young and *Forbes Magazine*; and

363 WHEREAS, his leadership was instrumental to the numerous boards on which he served,
364 including The Georgia Conservancy, the Ida Cason Callaway Foundation, Rocky Mountain
365 Institute, the David Suzuki Foundation, Emory University Board of Ethics Advisory Council,
366 the ASID Foundation, and Worldwatch Institute; and

367 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
368 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming a road in his
369 memory.

370 **PART XIX**

371 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated public
372 servants with the passing of Judge Arthur M. Kaplan on January 1, 2010; and

373 WHEREAS, a native of Covington, Georgia, Judge Kaplan was born on January 5, 1925, the
374 beloved son of Nathan Kaplan and Lena Mischelevich Kaplan; and

375 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
376 States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting America during World War II in five
377 invasions in the Pacific theater of war; and

378 WHEREAS, a John Marshall School of Law graduate, Judge Kaplan practiced civil and
379 criminal law for 50 years and was appointed to the Atlanta Municipal Court in 1973 by
380 Mayor Sam Massell; and

381 WHEREAS, he used the life-saving skills he obtained in the Navy to teach members of the
382 Georgia Bureau of Investigation, Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Secret
383 Service, Atlanta Fire Rescue, and nursing students at Grady Memorial Hospital emergency
384 medical care techniques at the Atlanta Police Academy; and

385 WHEREAS, Judge Kaplan taught more than 15,000 people in emergency medical care and
386 rendered emergency first aid to more than 30,000 people; and

387 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
388 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming an intersection in his
389 memory.

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PART XX

391 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost an icon of strength with the passing of twelve-year-old
392 Kenneth Webster Stewart, III after a five-year battle with medulloblastoma; and

393 WHEREAS, his suffering brought together his community with a renewed love and sense
394 of doing the right thing; and

395 WHEREAS, throughout his journey more than 800 people followed his progress through his
396 Facebook prayer-group page and more than 1,012 people came to pay their respects to his
397 family upon his passing; and

398 WHEREAS, Kenneth, who one day hoped of serving in the Army, was given the nickname
399 "Soldier Boy" by the community that also dedicated Rock Creek Park Field #12 to his
400 memory by renaming it Kenneth Stewart, III Field "Soldier Boy"; and

401 WHEREAS, his true love of baseball was further celebrated when he had the opportunity to
402 serve as a bat boy during a baseball game held at Turner Field benefiting Children's
403 Healthcare of Atlanta; and

404 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
405 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an
406 intersection in his memory.

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PART XXI

408 WHEREAS, Mr. Marcus Byrd was born in Dawson County, Georgia, a beloved son of C.B.
409 and Annie Byrd; and

410 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
411 States Army, attaining the rank of sergeant;

412 WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd was dedicated to enriching and uplifting the lives of young people in
413 Dawson County, where he started volunteering with the Boy Scouts of America program in
414 1958; and

415 WHEREAS, he started the first Cub Scout pack in Dawson County and served as pack
416 master before later serving as a leader for a Boy Scout troop; and

417 WHEREAS, Mr. Byrd dedicated three decades to the Boy Scouts of America organization,
418 and under his leadership and tutelage numerous young men went on to earn Eagle Scout
419 rankings and become productive adults; and

420 WHEREAS, his commitment to the organization was recognized with a Silver Beaver
421 Award; and

422 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Byrd was a member of Bethel Methodist Church, the
423 Board of Trustees for Lumpkin Campground, and the Etowah Masonic Lodge; and

424 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
425 this distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

426 **PART XXII**

427 WHEREAS, Eurith Dickinson "Ed" Rivers has long been recognized by the citizens of this
428 state for the vital role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
429 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

430 WHEREAS, Governor Rivers served in both chambers of the General Assembly, adeptly
431 representing the interests of his constituents in Lanier County; and

432 WHEREAS, as a member of the Georgia State Senate, Governor Rivers demonstrated
433 invaluable leadership and was elected to serve as President Pro Tempore by his colleagues;
434 and

435 WHEREAS, he was elected Governor by the citizens of Georgia in 1936 and won reelection
436 in 1939; and

437 WHEREAS, Governor Rivers served the State of Georgia with honor and distinction, and
438 his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

439 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
440 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming a road in his
441 memory.

442

PART XXIII

443 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., influential pastor
444 and leader of the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s, be honored by his home state
445 for his many contributions to the greater good of this state and the nation.

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PART XXIV

447 WHEREAS, the Sledge family has been part of Peach County since the county's formation,
448 and generations of the Sledge family have been integral leaders in the community; and

449 WHEREAS, Mr. Carlton Harmon "Bud" Sledge was a lifelong resident of Peach County and
450 patriarch of the Sledge family; and

451 WHEREAS, Mr. Sledge donated land to the county which allowed for the construction of
452 a bridge and interchange at the intersection of Interstate 75 and Russell Parkway; and

453 WHEREAS, the lives of countless Peach County residents and visitors have been improved
454 thanks to Mr. Sledge's generous donation; and

455 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary charity of this
456 distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

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PART XXV

458 WHEREAS, Stanton Springs spans 1,620 acres of gently rolling countryside near Covington,
459 Social Circle, Monticello, and Madison, Georgia; and

460 WHEREAS, Stanton Springs incorporates specific areas for residential, light
461 business/industrial/distribution, commercial/retail, and office uses in mid- to low-rise
462 buildings that blend gracefully with their surrounding environment; and

463 WHEREAS, this development stands as one of Georgia's premier economic development
464 achievements, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated in its honor.

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PART XXVI

466 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnny "Eric" Purvis was the last in a long line of Purvis men devoted to
467 building bridges in Georgia; and

468 WHEREAS, for 59 years, members of the Purvis family built bridges and ensured the safety
469 of countless Georgians traveling on local and state roads; and

470 WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis was the chief crane operator for Rodgers Bridge Company for 26
471 years; and

472 WHEREAS, he worked on bridges from Charlton County to Valdosta, including the
473 Savannah Port, Savannah, Eulonia, Darien, and Dock Junction; and

474 WHEREAS, Mr. Purvis was working on the bridge at Horse Stamp Church Road in Glynn
475 County when he passed away of a heart attack; and

476 WHEREAS, a dedicated working man and salt of the Earth gentleman, Mr. Purvis left behind
477 many who cherish his memory and admired his work ethic, including his wife, family, and
478 numerous friends and co-workers; and

479 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
480 this distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

481 **PART XXVII**

482 WHEREAS, Mr. Olief Wainwright was a lifelong resident of the Crowell/Fickling Mill
483 Community in Taylor County; and

484 WHEREAS, Mr. Wainwright served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
485 the United States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow citizens
486 during the Korean Conflict; and

487 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Wainwright was actively involved in his
488 church's ministry, served on mission trips to South America and throughout the United
489 States, and coordinated many construction efforts to repair church roofs, install wheelchair
490 ramps, and build furniture and pews; and

491 WHEREAS, Mr. Wainwright helped to replace a breached dam at the Taylor County
492 landmark of Fickling Mill on four separate occasions, and due to his hard work and
493 dedication, the landmark continues to be enjoyed by many Taylor County visitors and local
494 residents; and

495 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary charity of this
496 distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

497 **PART XXVIII**

498 WHEREAS, Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt was committed to uplifting the lives of children and
499 her hard work and community spirit have impacted the lives of countless Georgians and
500 Americans; and

501 WHEREAS, as First Lady of the United States, Mrs. Roosevelt was an influential
502 spokesperson for human rights, children's causes, and women's issues, and her work after her
503 husband's term as president on behalf of the League of Women Voters, volunteering for the
504 American Red Cross, and serving as a foreign diplomat and ambassador earned her the title
505 "First Lady of the World"; and

506 WHEREAS, the longest serving First Lady in the nation's history, Mrs. Roosevelt is the
507 namesake for the Eleanor Roosevelt School in Warm Springs, which was one of many
508 schools opened during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's tenure as president and was part of
509 the Julius Rosenwald School Building Fund Program which was a major effort to provide
510 education for African American children across the United States; and

511 WHEREAS, the Rosenwald Fund provided financial support for the construction of schools
512 for African Americans and produced plan books to aid communities with constructing
513 cost-efficient, architect-designed school buildings; and

514 WHEREAS, the school was named in honor of Mrs. Roosevelt in recognition of her efforts
515 to end segregation and her dedication to civil rights; and

516 WHEREAS, President Roosevelt delivered the keynote address during the opening ceremony
517 for the school which operated from 1937 to 1972; and

518 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
519 this distinguished woman be recognized by naming a bridge in her honor.

520 **PART XXIX**

521 WHEREAS, Mr. Rodney Mims Cook has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
522 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the

523 welfare of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family,
524 friends, and neighbors; and

525 WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was born in Atlanta, the beloved son of the late James Leslie and
526 Bess Mims Cook, and he graduated summa cum laude and as class valedictorian from
527 Washington and Lee University; and

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

530 WHEREAS, one of the first Republicans to be elected in Georgia since Reconstruction, Mr.
531 Cook served simultaneously as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives and as
532 an at-large member of the Atlanta City Council, helping to foster Atlanta's exponential
533 growth during the 1960s and 1970s; and

534 WHEREAS, as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives he served on the
535 appropriations, ways and means, and industry committees, served as chairman of the Georgia
536 Republican Party, and was the party nominee for Governor in 1978; and

537 WHEREAS, mentored by Martin Luther King, Sr., and Mayors William Hartsfield and Ivan
538 Allen, Mr. Cook fought to integrate Atlanta neighborhoods with his notable speech on the
539 floor of the Atlanta City Council urging the tearing down of the "Peyton Wall" which was
540 a barrier built to stop black citizens from moving into a white section of Atlanta and was
541 referred to as the "Berlin Wall" by the black community; and

542 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
543 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his memory.

544 **PART XXX**

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

548 WHEREAS, a native of Sparks, Georgia, Staff Sergeant Briand T. Williams was a graduate
549 of Cook High School and was active with the Adel-Cook Recreational Department; and

550 WHEREAS, he lost his life in combat in Iraq protecting the freedoms that all United States
551 citizens cherish; and

552 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
553 this distinguished Georgian be recognized by naming a road in his honor.

554 **PART XXXI**

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

558 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Rowan was born on September 22, 1924, and
559 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army and the
560 United States Air Force; and

561 WHEREAS, during his years of service with the United States Army, Lieutenant Colonel
562 Rowan served as a radio operator and bombardier and flew on 24 missions over Germany;
563 and

564 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Rowan later joined the United States Air Force to train as
565 a pilot and flew 100 missions in the F-80 Shooting Star aircraft during the Korean War; and

566 WHEREAS, he served as a Forward Air Controller during the Vietnam War and flew 135
567 missions in the O-35 aircraft before retiring with 26 years of service; and

568 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Rowan demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
569 protecting democracy and dedicated his life to ensuring the well-being of his fellow man; and

570 WHEREAS, it is important that men and women of the armed forces are thanked for their
571 selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the
572 people and ideals of the United States; and

573 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Colonel Rowan embodied the spirit of service and found meaning
574 in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifice
575 of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored appropriately.

576

PART XXXII

577 WHEREAS, Middle and South Georgia are among the few areas remaining in the United
578 States where there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant
579 agricultural operations; and

580 WHEREAS, the promotion of agri-tourism represents a readily available and effective tool
581 with which to spur economic development; and

582 WHEREAS, the portions of highways to be included in the Georgia Grown Trail wind
583 through miles of family owned farms; pristine hunting plantations and unique lodging; u-pick
584 farms, farm stands, and hands-on educational farm experiences; farm-to-table restaurants and
585 establishments dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes, traditions, and crops and
586 farming techniques; and

587 WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being
588 through agri-tourism.

589

PART XXXIII

590 WHEREAS, Honorable Emma Gresham has long been recognized by the citizens of this
591 state for the vital role that she has played in leadership and her deep personal commitment
592 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

593 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted over two decades of her time,
594 talents, and energy to improving the lives of her neighbors as mayor of the Town of
595 Keysville; and

596 WHEREAS, Mayor Gresham was born in 1925 in Reidsville, Georgia, the beloved daughter
597 of Reverend Marvin B. Rhodes, an African Methodist Episcopal pastor and teacher, and Ida
598 Rhodes, a church missionary and Sunday school teacher; and

599 WHEREAS, a graduate of Boggs Academy, Mayor Gresham devoted 32 years to challenging
600 and inspiring the future leaders of this state as an educator in Augusta, teaching second grade
601 and mentally challenged students; and

602 WHEREAS, in the early 1980's, she became involved with Keysville Concerned Citizens,
603 a group seeking better living conditions for the community, and through her work with this

604 group, Mayor Gresham learned that Keysville had been registered as a town and
605 incorporated, yet had not had official leadership in 55 years; and

606 WHEREAS, determined to improve the lives of her neighbors through public service, Mayor
607 Gresham was elected mayor in 1985, but due to a loophole in the town's charter which
608 prevented an official election, Mayor Gresham served as mayor for only five hours; and

609 WHEREAS, after several years of community outreach, legal battles, and two Supreme
610 Court cases, Keysville held an election for mayor in 1988, and Mayor Gresham was again
611 recognized by the people as the most fitting person to lead; and

612 WHEREAS, located 25 miles south of Augusta in Burke County, Keysville is home to an
613 unofficial population of 319 and during Mayor Gresham's tenure established a water system,
614 a waste-water treatment plant, city streetlights, and a health facility and earned the title of a
615 Certified Literate Community; and

616 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
617 this distinguished woman be recognized by dedicating a road in her honor.

618 **PART XXXIV**

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

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

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

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

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

635 **PART XXXV**

636 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray was an outstanding member and leader in
637 the United States Army; and

638 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty throughout his three
639 decades of military service and was the first African American commander of Fort Gordon,
640 the first African American commander of the 35th Signal Brigade, the first African American
641 commander of the 82nd Signal Battalion, and the first Signal general officer to serve as the
642 chief of staff and deputy commander of U. S. Army Europe; and

643 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gray's drive and determination led the way for the troops
644 under his command; and

645 WHEREAS, Lieutenant General Gray commanded the Signal Center of Excellence and Fort
646 Gordon from August 1991 until July 1994 and was instrumental in managing the base
647 expansion with the arrival of new units after the first Persian Gulf War during the nation's
648 Base Realignment and Closure initiatives; and

649 WHEREAS, after his retirement, Lieutenant General Gray continued to serve the CSRA
650 community and was deeply engaged in supporting community initiatives and projects; and

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

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

657 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate the bridge at Interstate 20 and Lewiston Road
658 in Columbia County as the Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray Memorial Bridge as an
659 appropriate tribute to this outstanding man.

660

PART XXXVI

661 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert K. Ballew has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
662 the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
663 of the citizens of Georgia, and his passing left a void in the hearts of his family, friends, and
664 neighbors; and

665 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballew was born on March 1, 1926, in Copperhill, Tennessee, the beloved
666 son of the late Robert Fulton Ballew and Helen King Ballew; and

667 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
668 States Army Air Force and was a long-time member of the Blue Ridge United Methodist
669 Church; and

670 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballew practiced law in Blue Ridge, Georgia, for more than 55 years,
671 opening his own practice on April 1, 1953, and serving as the attorney for an electric
672 company for a number of years; and

673 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
674 for his fellow citizens; and

675 WHEREAS, Mr. Ballew was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
676 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness who brought joy and happiness
677 to his many friends, neighbors, and family members; and

678 WHEREAS, a dedicated community leader, Mr. Ballew served as mayor of Blue Ridge and
679 a senator with the Georgia General Assembly and was a 32 degree Mason and Member of
680 the Shrine; and

681 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
682 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

683

PART XXXVII

684 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and leaders with the passing
685 of Mr. George Duke Beasley; and

686 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley was born on January 19, 1922, in Indianapolis, and he and his two
687 brothers were raised by their mother, Emma Ruth Vance Beasley; and

688 WHEREAS, he graduated with honors from Crispus Attucks High School, where he served
689 as captain of the school's basketball team, and attended North Carolina Agricultural and
690 Technical State University; and

691 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
692 United States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans
693 during World War II; and

694 WHEREAS, in addition to his service during World War II, Mr. Beasley served in five
695 military campaigns and was recognized with honors such as the Purple Heart and the U.S.
696 Army Soldier's Medal of Valor for saving the life of a fellow soldier while risking his own;
697 and

698 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Wilberforce University, where he joined
699 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and was active in the Students for Democratic Action
700 Committee, and a master's degree from Indiana University; and

701 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Mr. Beasley served as claims director for the Indiana
702 Employment Security Division, Northeast Regional Director and Director of the State
703 Regional Offices for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Deputy District Director of the
704 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the head administrator for the Georgia
705 Office of Fair Employment Practices; and

706 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
707 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and
708 proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

709 **PART XXXVIII**

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

713 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles Elvin Hickox demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
714 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to
715 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

716 WHEREAS, he served as guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States
717 military; and

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

721 WHEREAS, Mr. Hickox embodied the spirit of service and was willing to find meaning in
722 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
723 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored
724 appropriately.

725 **PART XXXIX**

726 WHEREAS, often called "Mr. Wid," Mr. William Eugene Bone was a talented builder whose
727 legacy stands tribute throughout Taylor County, Georgia, with numerous homes and historic
728 buildings; and

729 WHEREAS, Mr. Bone's work throughout the county is exemplified by buildings such as the
730 Hugh Cheek home in Butler, the Garrett home in Charing, the Charing post office, and the
731 Cooper home in Rupert, all which were built from 1911 to 1914; and

732 WHEREAS, he is said to have built the first bridge that crossed Whitewater Creek at a time
733 when automobiles started traveling the route when it was a mere dust trail; and

734 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
735 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

736 **PART XL**

737 WHEREAS, Mr. J. Ran Cooper was a leader of the Taylor County community and the way
738 he lived his life stands as an example and inspiration to others; and

739 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper's leadership and guidance were instrumental to the Taylor County
740 Board of Commissioners as chairperson, and he promoted the paving of more county roads
741 during his tenure with the board than had ever been accomplished before; and

742 WHEREAS, he built a country store where he sold groceries and gasoline and had a bus
743 route during World War II to provide employees of Warner Robins Air Force Base with
744 transportation between home and work; and

745 WHEREAS, Mr. Cooper started Cooper Construction Company in the 1940's and he was a
746 lifetime member and steward of Sand Bethel Methodist Church; and

747 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
748 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

749 **PART XLI**

750 WHEREAS, Mr. Reginald S. Carter, Sr., was recognized by the citizens of this state for the
751 vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
752 citizens of Georgia; and

753 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
754 States Armed Forces for over 25 years during World War II and the Vietnam War; and

755 WHEREAS, Mr. Carter diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
756 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
757 dramatically by his superlative service with the Taylor County Board of Education and the
758 Tax Assessors Board; and

759 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
760 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

761 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this
762 distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

763 **PART XLII**

764 WHEREAS, Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr., played vital roles in leadership and demonstrated
765 great commitment to improving the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

766 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Hice diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours
767 of their time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of their community and state; and

768 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of these
769 remarkable and distinguished Georgians be recognized by dedicating a bridge in their
770 memory.

771 **PART XLIII**

772 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
773 enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. William T. "Boss" Mull; and

774 WHEREAS, Chief Mull served as police chief of the McCaysville Police Department for 11
775 years and dedicated 46 years to protecting and serving the citizens of Georgia as a member
776 of law enforcement; and

777 WHEREAS, Chief Mull tragically lost his life while apprehending a fugitive in Coletown,
778 Georgia; and

779 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper to dedicate a bridge in his honor.

780 **PART XLIV**

781 WHEREAS, Mr. Orace Lamar "Red" Brooks was a Wilkinson County native who was
782 instrumental in the development of the City of Ivey and the Holiday Hills Lake Tchukolako
783 subdivision; and

784 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was instrumental in the incorporation of the town of Ivey during
785 the 1950s, which led to the area's cityhood in the 1980s; and

786 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
787 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
788 dramatically by his superlative service as a city councilmember for 26 years; and

789 WHEREAS, Mr. Brooks was a philanthropist with a generosity of spirit, donating land to the
790 City of Ivey to be used for a city hall and turning over his water system to be used by the
791 city; and

792 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Brooks and his wife, Gladys, were charter
793 members of Ivey Baptist Church, donated the land for the church, and served as Sunday
794 school teachers; and

795 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
796 this distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

797 **PART XLV**

798 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
799 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Ga. 67 in Jenkins County from the
800 southernmost point of the Ogeechee River Bridges to its intersection with Ga. 121 is
801 dedicated as the Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton Memorial Highway.

802 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 166 over
803 Anneewakee Creek in Douglas County is dedicated as the Private First Class Melvin Johnson
804 Memorial Bridge.

805 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 166 in
806 Carroll County from State Route 100 to its intersection with Garrett Circle is dedicated as
807 the Col. L.E. Witt, Jr., Memorial Highway.

808 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 95 in Liberty
809 County from Exit 76 north to the Bryan County line is dedicated as the Joe E. Brown
810 Memorial Highway.

811 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the corridor of State Route 53 from
812 the Gordon County line to the city limits of Rome is dedicated as the Shannon Industrial
813 Parkway.

814 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 79 in
815 Lincoln County from the bridge over Soap Creek to the Goshen community is dedicated as
816 the Thomas Watson Cullars Memorial Highway.

817 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 14 at the
818 State Route 14 Connector in the Red Oak Community of Fulton County is dedicated as the
819 Marquis Deon Grissom Bridge.

820 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 38 over
821 Interstate Route 95 in Liberty County is dedicated as the R.V. "Bobby" Sikes Overpass.

822 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that a resolution dedicating certain
823 portions of the state highway system as approved on May 7, 2013 (Ga. L. 2013, p. 951) is
824 amended by repealing the 13th undesignated paragraph of Part XXVIII relating to the
825 dedication of the Lanier Islands Parkway.

826 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 347 from
827 Interstate 985 East to the city limit of Braselton is dedicated as Friendship Road.

828 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 112 from
829 Rebecca to Ashburn in Turner County is dedicated as the Major Henry Talmage Elrod
830 Memorial Highway.

831 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring
832 military veterans and dedicates the portion U.S. Highway 19 from its intersection with the
833 north Lee County line to its intersection with the south Lee County line as Veterans
834 Memorial Highway.

835 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 80 at
836 U.S. 441 Bypass in Laurens County is dedicated as the Tuskegee Airmen Major Herndon
837 Cummings, Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel Marion Rodgers Intersection.

838 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 53 from Mars Hill
839 Road to Union Church Road in Oconee County is dedicated as the Deputy David W. Gilstrap
840 Memorial Highway.

841 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on U.S. Route 82 over
842 Pachitla Creek in Randolph County is dedicated as the William Riley Curry Bridge.

843 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on East Hancock Street and
844 Ga. 24 over the Oconee River in Baldwin County is dedicated as the Bobby Parham Bridge.

845 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring
846 military veterans and dedicates the interchange of I-475 and Thomaston Road in Macon-Bibb
847 County as Veterans of All Wars Interchange.

848 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 67 in
849 Bulloch County from its intersection with US Highway 301/State Route 73 to the Statesboro
850 East Bypass is dedicated as the McDougald Memorial Parkway.

851 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 85 in Troup
852 County from Exit 2 to Exit 18 is dedicated as the Ray C. Anderson Memorial Highway.

853 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 237
854 at Cheshire Bridge in Fulton County is dedicated as the Judge Arthur M. Kaplan Memorial
855 Intersection.

856 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 53 and
857 Perimeter Road in Dawsonville is dedicated as the Kenneth Webster Stewart, III Memorial
858 Intersection.

859 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 53 over the
860 Etowah River in Dawson County is dedicated as the Marcus Byrd Memorial Bridge.

861 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 122 in Lanier
862 County that runs beside Banks Lake from the City of Lakeland to the Lowndes County line
863 is dedicated as the Governor Eurith Dickinson "Ed" Rivers Memorial Highway.

864 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Ga. 107 from Ga.
865 90/Ga. 11 in Fitzgerald to U.S. Highway 319 is dedicated as the M.L.K., Jr., Memorial
866 Highway.

867 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at the intersection of
868 Interstate 75 and Russell Parkway in Peach County is dedicated as the C.H. "Bud" Sledge
869 Memorial Bridge.

870 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 12/U.S.
871 Route 278 in Newton County from .7 miles south of Interstate Route 20 at Exit 101 to the
872 Walton County line north of Interstate Route 20 is dedicated as the Stanton Springs Parkway.

873 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 99 over
874 Interstate 95 in Glynn County is dedicated as the Johnny "Eric" Purvis Memorial Bridge.

875 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Patsiliga Creek on
876 State Route 137 near Fickling Mill Dam in Taylor County is dedicated as the Olief
877 Wainwright Memorial Bridge.

878 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 85 Alternate
879 over the railroad tracks in the City of Warm Springs in Meriwether County is dedicated as
880 the Eleanor D. Roosevelt Memorial Bridge.

881 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 75 where it
882 merges with Interstate 85 at Exit 242 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Rodney Mims
883 Cook Memorial Highway.

884 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 76 in Cook
885 County from 4th Street in Adel to the Brooks County line is dedicated as the United States
886 Army Staff Sergeant Briand T. Williams Memorial Highway.

887 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 135
888 in Berrien County from its intersection with Georgia Highway 76 to Georgia Highway 168
889 is dedicated as the Lieutenant Colonel Charles W. Rowan Memorial Highway.

890 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Route 341 from
891 its intersection with Ga. 74 in Monroe County through Crawford and Peach Counties until
892 it connects with U.S. Route 41 and the portion of U.S. Route 41 from the northernmost point
893 of Houston County to the Florida state line is dedicated as the Georgia Grown Trail: 341/41.

894 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 88 in the
895 city limits of Keysville in Burke County is dedicated as the Mayor Emma Gresham Highway.

896 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 475 at
897 Bolingbroke in Monroe County is dedicated as the Veterans Memorial Interchange.

898 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the signs dedicating the Veterans Memorial Interchange
899 shall include "Home of the 148th BSB, Deployed to Iraq in 2005 and 2006."

900 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge at Interstate 20 and
901 Lewiston Road in Columbia County is dedicated as the Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray
902 Memorial Bridge.

903 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 over
904 the Georgia Northeastern Railroad at milepost 2.4 in Fannin County is dedicated as the
905 Robert K. Ballew Memorial Bridge.

906 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 in
907 southern Fulton County from U.S. Route 29 (Roosevelt Highway) to the Douglas County line
908 is dedicated as the George Duke Beasley Memorial Highway.

909 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge over Big Creek on U.S. 82
910 .7 miles from Schlatterville and 3.1 miles from Hoboken West in Brantley County is renamed
911 as the Charles E. Hickox Memorial Bridge.

912 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the southbound bridge on State Route
913 3 over Whitewater Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the William Eugene Bone
914 Memorial Bridge.

915 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the northbound bridge on State Route
916 3 over Whitewater Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the J. Ran Cooper Memorial
917 Bridge.

918 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the southbound bridge on State Route
919 3 over Cedar Creek in Taylor County is dedicated as the Reginald S. Carter, Sr., Memorial
920 Bridge.

921 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 over
922 Rock Creek in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr., Memorial
923 Bridge.

924 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 5 over the
925 Toccoa River in Fannin County is dedicated as the William T. "Boss" Mull Memorial Bridge.

926 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 243 over
927 Beaver Creek in Wilkinson County is dedicated as the O.L. "Red" Brooks Memorial Bridge.

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

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932 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
933 resolution.

934 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
935 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation; to the
936 families of Mr. Albert Sidney "Sid" Newton; Private First Class Melvin Johnson; Colonel
937 Lynn "L.E." Witt, Jr.; Mr. Joe E. Brown; Mr. Thomas Watson Cullars; Major Henry Talmage
938 Elrod; Tuskegee Airmen Major Herndon Cummings, Colonel John Whitehead, and Colonel
939 Marion Rodgers; Deputy David W. Gilstrap; Mr. William Riley Curry; Mr. Ray C.
940 Anderson; Judge Arthur M. Kaplan; Kenneth Webster Stewart, III; Mr. Marcus Byrd;
941 Governor Eurith Dickinson "Ed" Rivers; Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; Mr. Carlton Harmon
942 "Bud" Sledge; Mr. Johnny "Eric" Purvis; Mr. Olief Wainwright; Mrs. Eleanor D. Roosevelt;
943 Mr. Rodney Mims Cook; United States Army Staff Sergeant Briand T. Williams; Lieutenant
944 Colonel Charles W. Rowan; Lieutenant General Robert E. Gray; Mr. Robert K. Ballew; Mr.
945 George Duke Beasley; Charles E. Hickox; Mr. William Eugene Bone; Mr. J. Ran Cooper;
946 Mr. Reginald S. Carter, Sr.; Rettie and Ewiel E. Hice, Sr.; Mr. William T. "Boss" Mull; and
947 Mr. Orace Lamar "Red" Brooks; and to Mr. Marquis Deon Grissom; Mr. Robert Vernon
948 "Bobby" Sikes; the Shannon Industrial Parkway Committee; Mr. Bobby Eugene Parham; the
949 McDougald family; and Mayor Emma Gresham.