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Representatives Pirkle of the 169th and Jasperse of the 11th offer the following amendment:

1 *Amend the Senate substitute to HR 256 (HR 256/SCSFA) by striking lines 1 through the end*
2 *and inserting in lieu thereof the following:*

3 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; repealing a previous dedication;
4 repealing conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 **PART I**

6 WHEREAS, Ms. Sophia Ruth Fisher was born on May 11, 2000, in Tifton, Georgia, the
7 fourth child following three brothers; and

8 WHEREAS, Ms. Fisher was a member of the Tift County Show Choir, served as dance
9 captain for Ladies' Choice Show Choir, and was a member of the Tift County Swim Team,
10 where she was known for her competitive spirit and as an encouraging teammate; and

11 WHEREAS, a young woman of deep and abiding faith, Ms. Fisher was an active member
12 of Northside Baptist Church, serving in her youth group, on mission trips, and volunteering
13 in various areas of ministry; and

14 WHEREAS, Ms. Fisher's life was tragically cut short on June 30, 2018, when she and her
15 mother were struck by a vehicle while cycling on Willis Still Road; and

16 WHEREAS, her sassy, red-headed personality brought life and laughter to those around her,
17 and her "Be Happy" mantra was evident in all her endeavors; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
19 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

20 **PART II**

21 WHEREAS, Mr. John E. Brown has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
22 vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the
23 citizens of Georgia; and

24 WHEREAS, a son of Walter and Margaret Brown, Mr. Brown emigrated to the United States
25 from Ireland with his family to Chester County, South Carolina, when he was three years old;
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27 WHEREAS, in 1780, Mr. Brown joined the South Carolina militia and fought at Rock Mount
28 and the Battle of Hanging Rock; and

29 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Brown became a licensed Presbyterian
30 minister in 1788; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. Brown diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
32 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
33 dramatically by his superlative service as the third president of the University of Georgia
34 from 1811 to 1816; and

35 WHEREAS, upon his retirement from the University of Georgia, Mr. Brown went on to
36 serve as pastor of Mt. Zion Church in Hancock County and later served as pastor of the
37 Presbyterian Church in Washington, Georgia, serving there until his move to Fort Gaines in
38 Clay County; and

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

41 **PART III**

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

45 WHEREAS, Sergeant Eddie Thomas Terry was born on July 2, 1947, in Manchester,
46 Georgia, the beloved son of Emmitt "Embo" and Mary B. Terry; and

47 WHEREAS, a 1946 graduate of Meriwether County Training School, Sergeant Terry served
48 as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, serving in the
49 Vietnam War; and

50 WHEREAS, while a part of Company D 2nd Battalion 12 Calvary in Vietnam, Sergeant
51 Terry perished when he dove into the waters of the San Rao Trach River in a heroic attempt
52 to rescue one of his squad; and

53 WHEREAS, Sergeant Terry demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding
54 commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States in giving the ultimate
55 sacrifice will be remembered always; and

56 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater
57 than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
58 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART IV

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

WHEREAS, she has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced dramatically by her superlative service with the Clayton County School District as superintendent since 2004; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pulliam was the first female and first African American female to lead the Clayton County Public School District; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Pulliam's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state have earned her the respect and admiration of her colleagues and associates; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Dr. Pulliam was named Superintendent of the Year by the State of Georgia PTA; and

WHEREAS, she has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the Award for Positive Social Change in Education from the Fayette County NAACP, the 2007 National Council of Negro Women's Highest Honor Award, the Grass Roots Award from the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, and National Superintendent of the Year in 2010 from the National Association of Black School Educators; and

80 WHEREAS, in 2005, she won the Pinnacle Award from Delta Sigma Theta, Sorority, Inc.,
81 an organization for which she is a Golden Life Member; and

82 WHEREAS, Dr. Pulliam's leadership has overseen the construction of four elementary, three
83 middle, and two high schools that allowed students who were learning in trailers to move into
84 school buildings with modern classrooms and the latest technology; and

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

87 **PART V**

88 WHEREAS, Mayor William "Pete" Bridges was born on August 4, 1941, in Tallapoosa,
89 Georgia, the beloved son of Martha Mae Odom Bridges and Robert Franklin Bridges; and

90 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with
91 the United States Army where he competed as a member of the U.S. Army Pistol Team,
92 placing second overall in rapid fire; and

93 WHEREAS, he began his career in sales at Cannon Electric before moving to Boston
94 Insulated Wire & Cable Company, where he was recognized with a Top Salesman Award
95 and earned a fine reputation for his problem-solving and thoroughness; and

96 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Mayor Bridges moved to Tallapoosa and opened
97 the West Georgia Golf Company in 1983; and

98 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
99 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced

100 dramatically by his superlative service for two terms on the Tallapoosa City Council and then
101 as the longest serving mayor of the city; and

102 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges was a long-time member of the Tallapoosa Lion's Club and
103 served as a representative for Tallapoosa residents with the Georgia Municipal Association
104 as a member of the association's board of directors; and

105 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Bridges was an active member of Our
106 Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Carrollton, Georgia; and

107 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges embodied the spirit of service and it is abundantly fitting and
108 proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
109 dedicating a road in his memory.

110 **PART VI**

111 WHEREAS, the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., stands as one of the most prominent
112 Georgians of the twentieth century; and

113 WHEREAS, Reverend King attended public school in Georgia, graduating from high school
114 at the age of 15, and received his bachelor's degree in 1948 from Morehouse College; and

115 WHEREAS, after three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in
116 Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of the senior class, he was awarded a divinity
117 degree in 1951, and, with a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at
118 Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving his
119 doctoral degree in 1955; and

120 WHEREAS, in 1957, Reverend King was elected president of the Southern Christian
121 Leadership Conference, and, in the 11 years between 1957 and 1968, he traveled over six
122 million miles and spoke over 2,500 times in support of civil rights and wrote five books as
123 well as numerous articles; and

124 WHEREAS, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of
125 the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter
126 from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States; and

127 WHEREAS, Reverend King also planned and participated in numerous protests and
128 demonstrations for the cause of civil rights including the peaceful march on Washington,
129 D.C., of 250,000 people to whom he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address at the
130 Lincoln Memorial; and

131 WHEREAS, he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time*
132 magazine in 1963; and, at the age of 35, was the youngest man to have been awarded the
133 Nobel Peace Prize; and

134 WHEREAS, through his tireless work on behalf of civil rights for all people, he became not
135 only the symbolic leader of African Americans in the United States but also a world figure
136 in the fight for justice for all; and

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

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PART VII

WHEREAS, Deputy Emory A. Rowland was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Rowland diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a deputy in Johnson County; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Rowland led an exceptional career of public of service, always putting public safety and the citizens of Johnson County first, and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Rowland exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

PART VIII

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

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

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

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

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

171 **PART IX**

172 WHEREAS, Deputy Marshall Samuel Ervin, Jr., graduated from East Paulding High School
173 in 2002, where he met and fell in love with his wife Jodi; and

174 WHEREAS, he became a deputy with the Cobb County Sheriff's Office in 2012, where he
175 was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government
176 officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law
177 enforcement; and

178 WHEREAS, Deputy Ervin's life was tragically cut short on September 8, 2022, leaving
179 behind a family that adored him, including two daughters; and

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

183 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Ervin will long be remembered for
184 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
185 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

188 **PART X**

189 WHEREAS, Mr. E. Raybon Anderson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
190 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
191 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

192 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
193 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
194 dramatically by his superlative service to Bulloch County as member and former director of
195 Statesboro Rotary Club and Forest Heights Country Club; and

196 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
197 patience and diplomacy, and his keen sense of vision were great assets in his service as
198 chairman of the Bulloch County Hospital Authority and as director of First Bulloch Bank and
199 Trust; and

200 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction on the Statesboro-Bulloch County
201 Development Authority and the Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce and during his
202 tenure as Bulloch County Commissioner, the county hired its first county manager and voted
203 for its first Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax; and

204 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
205 2008 *Statesboro Herald* Humanitarian of the Year, the Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind
206 Award, and the 1995 Statesboro-Bulloch Chamber of Commerce Business Leader of the
207 Year; and

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

210 **PART XI**

211 WHEREAS, Mr. Lamar Eugene "Gene" Evans was born on March 22, 1945, a beloved son
212 of Claude Jackson and Eunice Kennedy Evans; and

213 WHEREAS, he dedicated innumerable hours of his time and energy toward his career as
214 owner of Great South Harley-Davidson® in Newnan, Georgia, which opened its doors on
215 May 4, 2007, and stands as one of the newest Harley-Davidson® dealerships in the
216 Southeast; and

217 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and was blessed with
218 three remarkable children, Sonya, Sherry, and Kevin; six wonderful grandchildren, Trenton,
219 Tyler, Toby, Hunter, Kinsey, and Madison; and two outstanding great-grandchildren, Noah
220 and Bentely; and

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

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

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

229 **PART XII**

230 WHEREAS, a long-time resident of DeKalb County, Senator Stephen B. Henson graduated
231 from Henderson High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the
232 University of Georgia; and

233 WHEREAS, Senator Henson began his career in public service and politics in 1986 when
234 he was appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris to the Asbestos Licensing Board, where he
235 served as chairperson from 1988 to 1990; and

236 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1990, ably and adeptly representing the
237 citizens of the 55th Senate District until 1999 and serving as chairperson of the Senate
238 Consumer Affairs Committee; and

239 WHEREAS, Senator Henson was elected to serve the 41st Senate District in 2002, serving
240 until 2021 and holding such leadership positions as chairperson of the DeKalb Senate
241 Delegation, Senate Democratic Whip, and Senate Minority Leader; and

242 WHEREAS, during his years with the Senate, Senator Henson earned a reputation for his
243 significant organizational and leadership talents, where his remarkable patience and
244 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
245 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

246 WHEREAS, his work in the Senate advocating for the environment, improving education,
247 and promoting programs that assist persons with disabilities were recognized with awards
248 and honors from organizations such as Common Cause, Technology Association of Georgia,
249 Conservation Voters, and the Georgia Association of Educators; and

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

252 **PART XIII**

253 WHEREAS, Mr. Chester 'Coach' Forsh has been a pillar of the Douglas County community
254 since the 1970s; and

255 WHEREAS, Mr. Forsh has served as an educator and athletics coach at Douglas County
256 Comprehensive High School for 50 years; and

257 WHEREAS, he has inspired and guided young athletes in the sports of cross country, track
258 and field, and basketball, with more than 100 of his student-athletes earning collegiate level
259 athletic scholarships; and

260 WHEREAS, as head coach of Douglas County Comprehensive High School's girls basketball
261 team, Mr. Forsh has amassed over 650 wins, an eight-year streak of more than 20 victories
262 in a season, and 13 state championship appearances; and

263 WHEREAS, he established Douglas County Comprehensive High School's first girls cross
264 country team in 1979 and was named Coach of the Year in track and field in 1975, 1976, and
265 1987; and

266 WHEREAS, Mr. Forsh has been recognized twice as Douglas County Comprehensive High
267 School's Teacher of the Year and has directed and organized events for the Special Olympics
268 for over 30 years; and

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

271 **PART XIV**

272 WHEREAS, Mr. Sean P. Kornacki was a dedicated and faithful public servant whose life
273 was tragically cut short in the line of duty as the District 6 highway maintenance foreman
274 with the Georgia Department of Transportation; and

275 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornacki diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
276 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
277 dramatically by his superlative service after numerous severe weather incidents in this state;
278 and

279 WHEREAS, he played a vital role in recovery efforts in Georgia after Hurricane Michael in
280 2018 and was known for his willingness to do whatever was necessary to ensure roads in this
281 state were clear and safe for travel; and

282 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornacki obtained his commercial driver's license and completed tanker
283 and hazmat endorsements; and

284 WHEREAS, he was known by his colleagues and others to be a very kind and generous
285 person who was always willing to help and who never once hesitated when performing his
286 job duties; and

287 WHEREAS, Mr. Kornacki served with honor and distinction with the Georgia Department
288 of Transportation for both Walker and Chattooga counties and his unyielding commitment
289 set the standard for public service; and

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

292 **PART XV**

293 WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas E. Brown is a graduate of the Fulton County Regional
294 Law Enforcement Academy and began his law enforcement career in 1989 as county public
295 safety director for DeKalb County, where he managed the county's police, fire, emergency
296 medical services, and animal control departments, the 911 communications center, and
297 emergency management; and

298 WHEREAS, after serving as the Deputy Fire Chief in Atlanta, Sheriff Brown became the
299 first African American fire chief in DeKalb County, serving from 1985 until 1990; and

300 WHEREAS, in 2001, he was elected DeKalb County's Sheriff, and after four terms had
301 solidified his reputation as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound
302 principles of law enforcement; and

303 WHEREAS, during his years with DeKalb County, he implemented community-oriented
304 policing services, led the department of public safety in successful efforts to obtain national

305 accreditation with the Commission of Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, and
306 established fire safety programs taught in the county school system, which resulted in a large
307 decrease in fire-related deaths in residential homes; and

308 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental as a member of the National
309 Sheriffs Association, the National Organization of Law Enforcement Executives, and the
310 Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Incorporated; and

311 WHEREAS, the Honorable Thomas E. Brown was nominated by President Joseph R. Biden
312 Jr., confirmed by the Senate, and appointed on October 17, 2022, to serve as the United
313 States Marshal for the Northern District of Georgia; and

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

316 **PART XVI**

317 WHEREAS, Mr. R.T. Stanley, Jr., was born in 1943 to Louise Usher Stanley and Rodney
318 Taylor Stanley, Sr.; and

319 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley and his father grew Vidalia onions together in the 1980s, the
320 pivotal period when Georgia's now-famous sweet onion began to receive widespread
321 recognition; and

322 WHEREAS, he was among the core group of onion growers who fought to attain legal status
323 for the sweet onion, clearly defined the growing area, and advocated for the Vidalia onion
324 to be named Georgia's official state vegetable; and

325 WHEREAS, Mr. Stanley has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
326 including being named the 2007 Grower of the Year by the Vidalia Onion Committee; and

327 WHEREAS, his high ideals, morals, and deep concern for his fellow citizens and the
328 devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrates to his family and friends are admired
329 by others; and

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

332 **PART XVII**

333 WHEREAS, Michael Allen "Mac" Collins was born in Butts County, Georgia, where he was
334 educated in the local school system and later became a businessman and trucking company
335 owner; and

336 WHEREAS, Congressman Collins began his career in public service and politics in 1977
337 when he served as chairman of the Butts County Board of Commissioners until 1980; and

338 WHEREAS, he served two terms in the Georgia Senate, where he established a reputation
339 as a strong conservative leader; and

340 WHEREAS, Congressman Collins was elected to the United States House of Representatives
341 in 1992 and ably and adeptly represented the people of the Third Congressional District; and

342 WHEREAS, during his six terms in the House of Representatives, Congressman Collins
343 earned a reputation for his significant organizational and leadership talents, where his
344 remarkable patience and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the

345 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
346 and

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

349 **PART XVIII**

350 WHEREAS, Officer Paramhans Desai was highly regarded by the citizens of his community
351 and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and
352 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

353 WHEREAS, Officer Desai diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
354 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
355 dramatically by his superlative service with the Georgia Department of Corrections, the
356 DeKalb County Police Department, and the Henry County Police Department; and

357 WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty after he was shot while
358 responding to a domestic violence call on November 4, 2021; and

359 WHEREAS, Officer Desai led an exceptional career of public service and his inspiring
360 commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law
361 enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

362 WHEREAS, his commitment to helping others extended beyond his days with us, as his gift
363 of organ donation has saved the lives of 11 others; and

364 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Desai will long be remembered for
365 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
366 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

367 WHEREAS, Officer Desai exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding
368 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is
369 abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized
370 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

371 **PART XIX**

372 WHEREAS, the Honorable Calvin Ellis Black has long been recognized by the citizens of
373 this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment
374 to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

375 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
376 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced
377 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Georgia General Assembly for
378 20 years; and

379 WHEREAS, from 2001 to 2015, he served with honor and distinction with the Georgia
380 House of Representatives, and from 2015 to 2021, he served as a member of the Georgia
381 Senate, where his vision and unyielding commitment to representing the residents of his
382 district set the standard for public service; and

383 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the General Assembly, he championed numerous causes,
384 including those relating to agriculture, education, and the Retirement System of Georgia; and

385 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental in his work as chairman for the
386 Lowndes County Board of Education and as a member of the board of directors for the
387 Lowndes County Farm Bureau, the Valdosta-Lowndes County Chamber of Commerce, the
388 Southeast Ag Coalition, the Brooks County Airport Authority, the Regional Development
389 Authority, the Georgia Agricultural Exposition Authority, and the Brooks County, Echols
390 County, Lake Park, and Lowndes County historical societies; and

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

394 **PART XX**

395 WHEREAS, Mr. Kaleb Driggers graduated from Baconton Community Charter School in
396 Baconton, Georgia, and attended East Mississippi Community College; and

397 WHEREAS, Mr. Driggers has long been recognized for his talent and passion in the amateur
398 and professional rodeo communities; and

399 WHEREAS, prior to going pro, Mr. Driggers was recognized as the National High School
400 Finals Rodeo All-Around Rookie of the Year in 2005; and

401 WHEREAS, in 2009, Mr. Driggers was honored by the Professional Rodeo Cowboy
402 Association as Rookie of the Year in overall and team roping; and

403 WHEREAS, he is a two-time Team Roping World Champion, earning back-to-back titles in
404 2021 and 2022; and

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

407 **PART XXI**

408 WHEREAS, Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel,
409 witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological,
410 intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

411 WHEREAS, affectionately known as Pastor Spence, he was the lead pastor of Global Impact
412 Christian Ministries in Stockbridge, Georgia; and

413 WHEREAS, Pastor Spence was a man of deep and abiding faith who was licensed and
414 ordained at Poplar Springs Baptist Church in Ellenwood, Georgia, by Reverend Ulysses
415 Ponder; and

416 WHEREAS, a transformative leader with a unique and unorthodox approach to ministry,
417 Pastor Spence held a Bachelor of Business Administration in marketing from Georgia
418 Southern University, a Master of Arts in Christian Counseling from Luther Rice Seminary,
419 and an Executive Leadership Certification from Cornell University; and

420 WHEREAS, co-author of *No Covenant No Cookie*, Pastor Spence used his desire to teach
421 and preach the Gospel to spread messages of empowerment, encouragement, and
422 enlightenment; and

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

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PART XXII

WHEREAS, Judge Willie J. Lovett, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lovett graduated cum laude with distinction from Yale University with a bachelor's degree in sociology, where he received the 1985 Roosevelt Thompson Prize for his commitment to public service, served as president of the African American Black Cultural Club, and was a member of the football team, Scroll and Key Society, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Zeta Chapter; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, Judge Lovett earned his law degree from Harvard Law School, where he served as a comments editor on the *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review*, and in 1991 he earned a Master of Laws in litigation from Emory Law School; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lovett clerked for the Eleventh Circuit Court of Appeals, served as an assistant city attorney for the City of Atlanta's Law Department, and worked as an associate for the prestigious law firms Morris, Manning & Martin; Ford & Harrison; and Troutman Sanders; and

WHEREAS, with an illustrious legal career spanning over 25 years, Judge Lovett was a longtime advocate for children and youth, with children in his courtroom in Fulton County Juvenile Court often fondly referring to him as the "bow tie judge"; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lovett served as a member of the board of the National Association of Counsel for Children and president, member of the executive board, member of the judicial section of the Gate City Bar Association; and

447 WHEREAS, he served as chairman of the board for the Gate City Bar Foundation and
448 volunteered his time to mentor young attorneys on the practice of law; and

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

451 **PART XXIII**

452 WHEREAS, Flau'jae Johnson was born on November 3, 2003, in Savannah, Georgia, and
453 is one of the nation's youngest female hip-hop and athletic ambassadors; and

454 WHEREAS, she appeared on the third season of Lifetime Network's top ranked reality show
455 "The Rap Game" and season 13 of NBC's "America's Got Talent," where the young star
456 received the Golden Buzzer; and

457 WHEREAS, she obtained a top ten national ranking as a women's high school All-American
458 basketball player, received more than 20 NCAA full sports scholarship offers, was honored
459 as a McDonald's All-American selectee, participated in the Michael Jordan Classic All Star
460 event, and was selected as the only female participant in the Allen Iverson Classic; and

461 WHEREAS, as a basketball player at Louisiana State University, Flau'jae was nominated for
462 the 2023 SEC Freshman of the Year Award; and

463 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
464 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in her honor.

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PART XXIV

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WHEREAS, Mr. E. Larry McDuffie was born in Wedgefield, South Carolina, and attended school in Savannah, Georgia, where he graduated from Woodville High School; and

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WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Savannah State University in elementary education; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McDuffie is the founder and director of the Savannah Community Choir, the Savannah Mass Choir, and the WSOK Youth and Young Adult Choir; and

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WHEREAS, he established the Savannah chapter of the Gospel Music Workshop of America and served as the program and music director of WSOK radio station; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. McDuffie uplifted listeners' spirits and brightened their days as the host of WSOK's "Joy in the Morning" radio show for 30 years before his retirement in 2007; and

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WHEREAS, he dedicated 28 years to the Savannah school system, inspiring the future leaders of this state, and he was named Teacher of the Year three times; and

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

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PART XXV

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WHEREAS, Mr. Vincent Joseph Dooley was born on September 4, 1932, in Mobile, Alabama, a beloved son of William and Ellen Dooley; and

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483 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
484 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans; and

485 WHEREAS, following his distinguished service, he worked briefly as an assistant coach at
486 Auburn University before being named head coach of the University of Georgia football
487 team, where he would establish a decades-long record that would serve as a standard for
488 excellence in college athletics, including in his service as athletic director; and

489 WHEREAS, among his professional accomplishments and accolades are his membership in
490 the College Football Hall of Fame, the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame, and the Alabama Sports
491 Hall of Fame; his record as the winningest coach in UGA history with 201 victories, six SEC
492 titles, and the 1980 National Championship; and his status as a recipient of the 2016 Wooden
493 Citizenship Cup; and

494 WHEREAS, while Mr. Dooley's professional accomplishments and accolades are extensive,
495 the same can be said about his humanitarian nature, his love for gardening and flowers, and
496 his reputation as a world renowned horticulturist; and

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

499 **PART XXVI**

500 WHEREAS, PFC John W. Adams was born in 1919 and was raised in Greshamville,
501 Georgia; and

502 WHEREAS, PFC Adams served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
503 United States Army as a member of the 121st Infantry Regiment of the 8th U.S. Infantry
504 Division during World War II; and

505 WHEREAS, he made the ultimate sacrifice for this nation on July 16, 1944, when he was
506 killed in action near the village of Saint-Patrice-de-Claids in France; and

507 WHEREAS, PFC Adams was recognized with numerous honors and accolades for his
508 sacrifice and service, including a Purple Heart; and

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

511 **PART XXVII**

512 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jamida Orange was born on August 25, 1969, the first of five children
513 born to civil rights pioneer Reverend James Orange and civil rights historian Cleophas
514 Orange; and

515 WHEREAS, born a natural leader and civil servant, she dedicated her life to serving the
516 Atlanta community, working for the City of Atlanta and the DeKalb County Probate Court
517 as well as part of numerous community groups, nonprofit boards, and youth agencies even
518 in retirement; and

519 WHEREAS, she further served as the executive director of the MLK March Committee,
520 dedicating countless hours in preparation of each year's Atlanta MLK March and other MLK
521 weekend events; and

522 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Orange was an energetic member of
523 Enon Baptist Church, where she was active in the Media Ministry, August Birthmonth
524 Ministry, and the EBC Women's Ministry; and

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

528 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
529 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

530 **PART XXVIII**

531 WHEREAS, Mr. Marshall Rancifer was born on August 13, 1956, in Chicago, Illinois, and
532 attended school in Atlanta, Georgia, where he began his life-long commitment to public
533 service as a student crossing guard in fifth grade at E.R. Carter Elementary School; and

534 WHEREAS, as an adult and after struggling with addiction himself, Mr. Rancifer was
535 inspired to help others through outreach; and

536 WHEREAS, since 1998, Mr. Rancifer has helped provide housing for 3,700 people who
537 were living on the streets and helped enroll 2,000 people in addiction treatment programs;
538 and

539 WHEREAS, in 2009, he became certified to provide HIV testing and linkage to care and
540 since then has provided stigma free HIV and Hepatitis C testing across metropolitan Atlanta
541 and distributed 10,000 safe sex kits through his organization, the Justice For All Coalition;
542 and

543 WHEREAS, his compassion for others was evident in his outreach to unhoused individuals
544 during severe cold weather, providing transport to warming centers, earning a reputation for
545 his delicious soup, and distributing hand warmers, socks, and emergency blankets; and

546 WHEREAS, through the Justice For All Coalition, Mr. Rancifer also provided the unhoused
547 population of Atlanta with assistance in obtaining identification cards and transitional
548 housing and assisted with donations of tents, sleeping bags, and inflatable mattresses; and

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

551 **PART XXIX**

552 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mrs. Opal
553 Gibson Crawford Barron; and

554 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barron was born on January 12, 1942, in Lumpkin County, Georgia, the
555 beloved daughter of Frank Gibson and Lila Mae Odum Gibson; and

556 WHEREAS, she spoke often of her fond memories growing up on Highway 52 and operating
557 her father's store; and

558 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barron demonstrated great devotion, patience, and understanding to her
559 students as a teacher's aide at Riverbend School for many years; and

560 WHEREAS, a talented cosmologist, Mrs. Barron owned a successful business in Dahlonega
561 for over 40 years; and

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

565 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Barron was a pianist at Mill Creek
566 Baptist Church for 50 years and uplifted the congregation with her beautiful voice as a
567 Gospel singer; and

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

570 **PART XXX**

571 WHEREAS, Ms. Charlayne Hunter-Gault grew up in the Hunter Hills community of Atlanta,
572 Georgia, where she attended Henry McNeal Turner High School and served as
573 editor-in-chief of the school's newspaper, assistant yearbook editor, and was voted "Miss
574 Turner High"; and

575 WHEREAS, she was a pioneer in the integration of the University of Georgia on January 9,
576 1961, as one of the first two African-American students to enroll in the university and
577 graduated in 1963 with a bachelor's degree in journalism; and

578 WHEREAS, Ms. Hunter-Gault served as a correspondent for National Public Radio, CNN,
579 and the Public Broadcasting Service; and

580 WHEREAS, during her prestigious career, she has been recognized with numerous awards
581 and honors, including two Emmys and a Peabody for excellence in broadcast journalism, the
582 1986 Journalist of the Year Award from the National Association of Black Journalists, a

583 Candace Award for Journalism from the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, and the
584 1990 Sidney Hillman Award; and

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

587 **PART XXXI**

588 WHEREAS, Mrs. Minnie Melton Saxton was born in Atlanta, Georgia, the youngest of 12
589 children to Reverend and Mrs. Aaron P. Melton; and

590 WHEREAS, a pioneer resident of the South Atlanta community, Mrs. Saxton graduated from
591 Clark College in 1905, where she also later taught; and

592 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Saxton was an active member of the
593 South Atlanta United Methodist Church, representing the church in numerous capacities at
594 local and national conferences; and

595 WHEREAS, Mrs. Saxton's significant organizational and leadership talents, her remarkable
596 patience and diplomacy, and her keen sense of vision were great assets when she organized
597 the first Rosenwald School for Black Children and spent 40 years ensuring quality education
598 was provided; and

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

601 **PART XXXII**

602 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
603 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Willis Still Road and Interstate 75 in Tift
604 County is dedicated as the Sophia Ruth Fisher Interchange.

605 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 39 over
606 Cemochechobee Creek in Clay County is dedicated as the John E. Brown Bridge.

607 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 190 over
608 Lane Street in Meriwether County is dedicated as the Sergeant Eddie Thomas Terry
609 Memorial Bridge.

610 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 138 from
611 Tara Boulevard in Clayton County to Scarlett Drive in Clayton County is dedicated as the
612 Dr. Barbara Pulliam Highway.

613 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 78 from the
614 east boundary of the City of Tallapoosa to the west boundary of the City of Tallapoosa in
615 Haralson County is dedicated as the Mayor William "Pete" Bridges Memorial Highway.

616 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Business Route
617 10 within the city limits of Washington in Wilkes County is dedicated as the MLK Memorial
618 Drive.

619 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 57 East
620 from Mile Marker 15 to the Johnson/Emanuel County Line in Johnson County, Georgia, is
621 dedicated as the Deputy Emory Rowland Memorial Highway.

622 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring
623 military veterans and dedicates the SR 125 Bridge over Vanceville Road near the
624 Berrien/Tift County line in Berrien County as the West Berrien Vietnam War Veterans
625 Memorial Bridge and includes each of the following names: Scott Tucker, Homer Williams,
626 Carroll Purvis, Jerry Castleberry, Darrell Danforth, Charles Nichols, Jimmy Grant, Roger
627 Grant, Roger Walker, Johnny Gaskins, Dalton Purvis, Raliegh Tyson, Dewayne Lovett, Ray
628 Pearson, Fred Ivey, Larry Taylor, James Griffin, Clifton Bryan, Ottis Weeks, Larry Purvis,
629 Howard Womack, and Thomas Lokey.

630 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Hiram Acworth
631 Highway and East Paulding Drive in Paulding County is dedicated as the Deputy Marshall
632 Samual Ervin Jr. Memorial Intersection.

633 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that State Route 46 from Highway 301
634 South to State Route 67 South in Bulloch County is dedicated as the E. Raybon Anderson
635 Highway.

636 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 16 and
637 Newnan Crossing Bypass is dedicated as the Gene Evans Memorial Intersection.

638 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Highway 78 at
639 Mountain Industrial Boulevard in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Senator Stephen B.
640 Henson Interchange.

641 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 92 from
642 Highway 78 to Interstate 20 in Douglas County is dedicated as the Coach Forsh Road.

643 BET IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 193
644 at Chamberlain Road in Walker County is dedicated as the Sean P. Kornacki Memorial
645 Intersection.

646 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 10 over
647 I-285 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Thomas E. Brown Bridge.

648 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 178 from
649 Highway 56 to Bud Clifton Road in Toombs County is dedicated as the R.T. Stanley, Jr.
650 Highway.

651 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of Interstate 75 at
652 State Route 16 (Exit 205) in Butts County is dedicated as the Congressman Mac Collins
653 Memorial Interchange.

654 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 81 from
655 North Ola Road to Keys Ferry Road in Henry County is dedicated as the Officer Paramhans
656 Desai Memorial Highway.

657 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 376 from
658 State Route 31 to Loch Laurel Road in Lowndes County is dedicated as the Honorable Ellis
659 Black Highway.

660 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 82 from
661 500 feet from the western boundary of Hoboken and 500 feet from the eastern boundary of
662 Hoboken in Brantley County is dedicated as the Kaleb Driggers Highway.

663 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 675 over
664 Interstate 75 in Henry County is dedicated as the Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal Memorial Bridge.

665 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 204
666 at Eisenhower Drive in Chatham County is dedicated as the Judge Willie Lovett Jr.
667 Intersection.

668 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 204
669 at West Montgomery Cross Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Flau'jae Johnson
670 Intersection.

671 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 204
672 at Whitebluff Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the E. Larry McDuffie Intersection.

673 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 78 and
674 Lumpkin Street in Clarke County is dedicated as the Vince Dooley Memorial Intersection.

675 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Route 278 from
676 mile marker 59 to mile marker 64 in Greene County is dedicated as the PFC John W. Adams
677 Memorial Highway.

678 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange of State Route 403
679 at Cleveland Avenue Southwest (Exit 76) in Fulton County is dedicated as the Jamida
680 Orange Memorial Interchange.

681 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 8/U.S.
682 Route 278 and Piedmont Avenue in Fulton County is dedicated as the Marshall Rancifer
683 Memorial Intersection.

684 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 9 and
685 State Route 52 in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Opal G. Crawford Barron Memorial
686 Roundabout.

687 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 9 South
688 (Spring Street) from Peachtree Street to 14th Street in Fulton County is dedicated as the
689 Charlayne Hunter-Gault Parkway.

690 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Route 54 from mile marker 58 to mile marker 61
691 in Clayton County is dedicated as the Minnie Melton Saxton Memorial Highway.

692 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the third clause of Part XXIX of
693 House Resolution 820, (Ga. L. 2022, p. 476), is hereby repealed.

694 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 54 from
695 Highway 138 to Battle Creek Road in Clayton County is dedicated as the Arnold-Fountain
696 Professional Club Highway.

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

700 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
701 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
702 Department of Transportation; to Dr. Barbara Pulliam; Senator Stephen B. Henson; Mr.
703 Chester 'Coach' Forsh; the Honorable Thomas E. Brown; Mr. R.T. Stanley, Jr.; the Honorable
704 Calvin Ellis Black; Mr. Kaleb Driggers; Flau'jae Johnson; Mr. E. Larry McDuffie; and Ms.
705 Charlayne Hunter-Gault; and to the families of Ms. Sophia Ruth Fisher; Mr. John E. Brown;
706 Sergeant Eddie Thomas Terry; Mayor William "Pete" Bridges; Reverend Dr. Martin Luther
707 King, Jr.; Deputy Emory A. Rowland; Scott Tucker; Homer Williams; Carroll Purvis; Jerry
708 Castleberry; Darrell Danforth; Charles Nichols; Jimmy Grant; Roger Grant; Roger Walker;
709 Johnny Gaskins; Dalton Purvis; Raliegth Tyson; Dewayne Lovett; Ray Pearson; Fred Ivey;
710 Larry Taylor; James Griffin; Clifton Bryan; Ottis Weeks; Larry Purvis; Howard Womack;
711 Thomas Lokey; Deputy Marshall Samual Ervin, Jr.; E. Raybon Anderson; Mr. Lamar Eugene
712 "Gene" Evans; Mr. Sean P. Kornacki; Congressman Mac Collins; Officer Paramhans Desai;
713 Pastor Spencer T. O'Neal; Mr. Willie Lovett, Jr.; Mr. Vincent Joseph Dooley; PFC John W.
714 Adams; Mrs. Jamida Orange; Mr. Marshall Rancifer; Mrs. Opal Gibson Crawford Barron;
715 and Mrs. Minnie Melton Saxton.