

## Senate Resolution 745

By: Senators Millar of the 40th, Shafer of the 48th, Henson of the 41st and Unterman of the 45th

**ADOPTED**

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; repealing a portion of a resolution  
2 dedicating certain portions of the state highway system as approved on May 9, 2017 (Ga.  
3 L. 2017, p. 825); and for other purposes.

4 **PART I**

5 WHEREAS, Robert H. "Bob" Bell honorably served this state as a member of the Georgia  
6 General Assembly from 1969 through 1982, serving four years in the House of  
7 Representatives and ten years in the Senate; and

8 WHEREAS, for his service in the General Assembly, he was honored by the *Atlanta*  
9 *Journal-Constitution Magazine* as one of Georgia's Ten Best Legislators in 1980 and by the  
10 National Conference of State Legislatures as one of the nation's Ten Outstanding Legislators  
11 in 1981; and

12 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the  
13 Georgia Municipal Association Award for outstanding service to Georgia citizens, the  
14 Association of the United States Army award for exceptional service in support of national  
15 defense, the Friend of the Children award of the Council for Children for his work in juvenile  
16 justice reform, and the Red Cross award for outstanding legislative contributions and was  
17 cited by the National Rifle Association and the Georgia Wildlife Association for his  
18 legislative service; and

19 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental as chairman of the Republican  
20 Party of Georgia, and he was the Republican Party nominee for Governor in 1982; and

21 WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Georgia with honor and distinction, and his vision and  
22 unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and

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

25 **PART II**

26 WHEREAS, Honorable William "Bill" Jones serves as CEO of Jones Petroleum and JP  
27 Capital & Insurance, Inc.; and

28 WHEREAS, a native of Jackson, Georgia, Mr. Jones earned bachelor's and master's degrees  
29 from the University of Georgia and an L.L.B. degree from Atlanta Law School; and

30 WHEREAS, he founded Jones Petroleum in 1968 with the purchase of a single convenience  
31 store and through dedication and sacrifice built a diversified company with over 500  
32 employees; and

33 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones served four terms in the Georgia General Assembly and is the  
34 youngest professional in Georgia history to serve as Superintendent of Schools in Butts  
35 County; and

36 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental as chairman of the Butts County  
37 Water & Sewage Department and the Industrial Development Authority of Butts County as  
38 well as numerous organizations, including the Georgia Oilman's Association, Georgia Food  
39 Industry Association, C&S National Bank, Gordon State College Foundation, Partners for  
40 Smart Growth, National Senatorial Committee, Convenient Stores Association of Georgia,  
41 and the Piedmont and Georgia Cattleman's Associations; and

42 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including  
43 the 2012 Butts County Chamber of Commerce Hall of Fame Award and the 2013 University  
44 of Georgia Graduate School Alumni of Distinction Award; and

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

47 **PART III**

48 WHEREAS, Mr. A. Frank Williams has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
49 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
50 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

51 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
52 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
53 dramatically by his 44 years of superlative service with the City of Hephzibah Commission;  
54 and

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

59 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
60 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

61 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams served with honor and distinction with the City of Hephzibah  
62 Commission, and his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service;  
63 and

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

66 **PART IV**

67 WHEREAS, Attorney General Thurbert Baker served as attorney general for the State of  
68 Georgia for 13 years under three different Governors; and

69 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel  
70 Hill and a law degree from Emory University; and

71 WHEREAS, Attorney General Baker began his career in politics with the Georgia General  
72 Assembly, spending eight years in the House of Representatives, where he served as the  
73 House Floor Leader for Governor Zell Miller and was instrumental in shepherding the  
74 passage of legislation establishing the HOPE scholarship program; and

75 WHEREAS, Attorney General Baker has been consistently selected as one of the "100 Most  
76 Influential Georgians" by *Georgia Trend* magazine; and

77 WHEREAS, in 2009, he received the first annual Barack Obama Political Leadership award  
78 from the National Bar Association, and he was recently selected by *Men Looking Ahead*  
79 magazine as its Man of the Year; and

80 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations,  
81 including the National Association of Attorneys General, the American Bar Association's  
82 House of Delegates, the Democratic Attorneys General Association, and the Republican  
83 Attorneys General Association; and

84 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of  
85 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his  
86 honor.

87 **PART V**

88 WHEREAS, Mr. Troy Simpson was born in Habersham County, Georgia, on August 5,  
89 1933, and was a lifelong resident of the community; and

90 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Simpson was a devoted member of Hazel  
91 Creek Baptist Church and served as a Habersham County Rotarian; and

92 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson sacrificed his own safety and comfort to protect and serve this  
93 nation in the United States Army and began a career in the automobile industry upon  
94 returning home from defending our nation; and

95 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson dedicated himself to public service for more than 20 years,  
96 including service as a Habersham County Commissioner; and

97 WHEREAS, Mr. Simpson served with honor and distinction on the State Transportation  
98 Board from 1969 until 1982, which included a term as chairman; and

99 WHEREAS, during his service on the State Transportation Board, Mr. Simpson was  
100 instrumental in the development of one of the most prominent roadway projects in Georgia  
101 with the completion of State Route 365; and

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

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**PART VI**

105 WHEREAS, Mr. Horace Fitzpatrick was born on January 18, 1930, the beloved son of Ernest  
106 Obediah Fitzpatrick and Chester Bonnie White and youngest of 13 children; and

107 WHEREAS, a graduate of Ila High School in 1947 where he served as class president, Mr.  
108 Fitzpatrick earned his bachelor's degree, master's degree, and specialist degree from the  
109 University of Georgia; and

110 WHEREAS, he dedicated 16 years to inspiring the future leaders of this state as an educator  
111 in White County, where he instilled in his pupils his core values, morals, and respect for  
112 others and how to become a valuable and contributing member of society; and

113 WHEREAS, a hero to many of his students, Mr. Fitzpatrick was elected to serve as White  
114 County Superintendent of Schools in 1968 and served in this position for 12 years; and

115 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
116 talents, and energy toward the betterment of education for all Georgians as further evidenced  
117 by his ten years of service with the Department of Education; and

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

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

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**PART VII**

123 WHEREAS, Mr. Rudy Bowen was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Dawson County  
124 High School as well as the University of Georgia; and

125 WHEREAS, a former lumber salesman, Mr. Bowen founded Bowen Family Homes in 1969  
126 when he built a new home in Gwinnett County; and

127 WHEREAS, over the next five years, Mr. Bowen constructed an average of 50 homes a year  
128 and, in 1985, the company began its own land development efforts, which allowed the  
129 company to avoid third-party costs; and

130 WHEREAS, to this day, Bowen Family Homes constructs entire communities and provides  
131 customers with a total home buying experience; and

132 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was the fourth largest in metro Atlanta with 59 homes  
133 closed, according to the 2009-2010 *Atlanta Business Chronicle* Book of Lists, and it  
134 generated \$165 million in revenue in 2008 with 30 full-time employees; and

135 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was recognized as the 25th largest privately owned  
136 builder in the country by *Builder Magazine* for 2005 and in 2007 and was named Georgia  
137 Family Business of the Year among medium sized companies by *Georgia Trend* and the Cox  
138 Family Enterprise Center at Kennesaw State University; and

139 WHEREAS, *The Atlanta Business Chronicle* ranked Bowen Family Homes fifth among  
140 metro Atlanta builders in 2007 and 40th among Atlanta's Top Private Companies for 2007;  
141 and

142 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes was ranked 83rd on the 2007 Professional Builder Giant  
143 400 largest homebuilders in the United States list; and

144 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen has been happily married to his wife, Jean, for 56 years; is the father  
145 of Allison, Beth, and David; and has eight wonderful grandchildren; and

146 WHEREAS, he has performed many unspoken acts of stewardship on behalf of the Gwinnett  
147 County community and the State of Georgia and made donations to Children's Healthcare  
148 of Atlanta and Gwinnett Children's Center; and

149 WHEREAS, Bowen Family Homes helped build a hospice for the children in Gwinnett,  
150 donated to the American Red Cross after Hurricane Katrina, and participated in several other  
151 civic projects and causes; and

152 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowen has served diligently on the Department of Transportation Board  
153 since 2007, representing the 7th Congressional District, and he previously served as  
154 chairman; and

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

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**PART VIII**

158 WHEREAS, Mr. John D. Stephens may be best known for his long and accomplished career  
159 in construction, real estate, banking, and waste management, but he has also made his  
160 mark on the civic community of the Atlanta region; and

161 WHEREAS, in 2000, a lifetime in the contracting business led Mr. Stephens to take on what  
162 may be his legacy project - the construction of the fifth runway of the world's busiest airport  
163 at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport; and

164 WHEREAS, needing 17 million cubic yards of fill to build up the runway, he and his three  
165 sons, Mike, Mark, and Mitch, formed Stephens MDS LP and acquired 485 acres of property  
166 adjacent to the airport; and

167 WHEREAS, to complete this mammoth project, the company built a four-mile overland  
168 conveyor system that crossed streams and interstate highways and, over a two-year period,  
169 moved enough dirt and rock to fill the Georgia Dome six times; and

170 WHEREAS, the conveyor system was reliable and cost efficient and hailed for limiting the  
171 project's impact on the environment; and

172 WHEREAS, as that project neared completion, Mr. Stephens recognized that the residential  
173 and commercial development trends in the region would produce a demand for a sustainable  
174 waste management facility, so he opened a construction and demolition disposal facility on  
175 the very land from which he borrowed fill for the runway project; and

176 WHEREAS, by 2005, Mr. Stephens had organized Stephens Rock and Dirt, Inc., an on-site  
177 recycling operation that accepts soil, concrete, and other inert materials which are processed  
178 and resold as raw materials, thereby preserving precious landfill space; and

179 WHEREAS, Stephens MDS continues to provide dirt and aggregate rock fill to the City of  
180 Atlanta for ongoing construction at the world's busiest airport, Hartsfield-Jackson  
181 International Airport; and

182 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations,  
183 including on the Board of Trustees of Georgia Gwinnett College, the Board of Directors of

184 the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, the Georgia Utility Contractors Association,  
185 and the Georgia Board of Industry, Trade, and Tourism; and

186 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the  
187 Citizen of the Year Award in 2006, the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful Environmental Legacy  
188 Award in 2007, and the naming of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce's Education  
189 Center in his honor; and

190 WHEREAS, Mr. Stephens and his wife, Beverly, reside in Snellville, Georgia, where they  
191 enjoy their five children and nine grandchildren and are active supporters of many charitable  
192 causes, including the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, Boy Scouts of  
193 America, Hi-Hope Service Center in Lawrenceville, and Gwinnett Children's Shelter; and

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

196 **PART IX**

197 WHEREAS, Mr. Virgil R. Williams graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology in  
198 1963 and as a senior, developed a 40 home subdivision, a gas station, and 12 unit apartment  
199 project in his native Atlanta; and

200 WHEREAS, upon graduation, he became president of Williams Contracting, a company that  
201 has made its mark in industrial contracting, environmental services, civil and industrial  
202 engineering, construction services, and real estate; and

203 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams conceived the "Williams Plan," which showed companies how  
204 to save millions of dollars in maintenance costs and reinvented service in the heavy and  
205 complicated manufacturing and utility industries; and

206 WHEREAS, in the early 1980s, he purchased a small group of banks in the Atlanta area and  
207 convinced Kroger supermarkets to allow him to open branches in their Georgia stores; and

208 WHEREAS, this innovation changed the face of modern banking, with Mr. Williams  
209 utilizing this idea nationwide in the form of International Banking Technologies; his financial  
210 institutions eventually became part of Bank of America, one of the largest banks in the  
211 United States; and



212 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a member of the Bank of America Board of Directors, where  
213 he served on the Executive Committee and the Compensation Committee and chaired the  
214 Governance Committee until his retirement; and

215 WHEREAS, he served as Governor Zell Miller's chief of staff from 1991 to 1995, where he  
216 chaired a monumental study on effectiveness and economy in government; during his tenure  
217 in state government, Mr. Williams also served on the Georgia Board of Regents and assisted  
218 in other activities for Governor Miller; and

219 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams has served on the Board of Trustees at Young Harris College, the  
220 Board of Councilors of the Carter Center, and serves on the Board of the Savannah College  
221 of Art and Design; he is also a past director of the Georgia Chamber of Commerce and past  
222 executive committee member of the Metro Atlanta Chamber of Commerce; and he continues  
223 to serve as a director of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce; and

224 WHEREAS, in 1994, he was recognized as a Distinguished Alumni by both the Georgia  
225 Institute of Technology School of Engineering and the School of Industrial Systems  
226 Engineering, and in 2005, became the managing member of LLI Management Company,  
227 LLC, a resort enterprise of the Virgil R. Williams Family, which owns the long-term  
228 leasehold interests in Lake Lanier Islands Resort; and

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

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## **PART X**

232 WHEREAS, United States Army Captain Corry Paul Tyler was born on December 12, 1977,  
233 in Atlanta, Georgia, and graduated from Camden County High School in 1995; and

234 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from the United States Military Academy at West  
235 Point and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Aviation after graduation;  
236 and

237 WHEREAS, Captain Tyler served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
238 three tours in Iraq in 2003, 2006, and 2007; and

239 WHEREAS, on August 22, 2007, while deployed in Multaka, Iraq, Captain Tyler, along  
240 with 13 others, made the ultimate sacrifice when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed during  
241 a nighttime mission; and

242 WHEREAS, Captain Tyler's service was recognized with numerous decorations including  
243 two Bronze Stars, three Army Commendation medals, two National Defense Service medals,  
244 the Air Medal, Valorous Unit Award, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism  
245 Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terror Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas  
246 Service Ribbon, Air Assault Badge, and Army Aviator Badge; and

247 WHEREAS, Captain Tyler embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
248 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable  
249 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his  
250 memory.

251 **PART XI**

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

255 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter James Gaskins was born on June 27, 1922, a lifelong resident of  
256 Berrien County, Georgia; and

257 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
258 States Navy, valiantly and courageously defending America during World War II from 1940  
259 to 1946; and

260 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaskins served on the USS Arizona and survived the attack on Pearl  
261 Harbor; and

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

265 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaskins embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
266 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding

267 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored  
268 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

269 **PART XII**

270 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
271 citizens with the passing of Polk County Police Detective Kristen Snead Hearne on  
272 September 29, 2017; and

273 WHEREAS, Detective Hearne was born in Summerville, Georgia, on November 15, 1987,  
274 the beloved daughter of Sidney Snead and Trish Snead Brewer; and

275 WHEREAS, a graduate of Rockmart High School, Detective Hearne began her career in law  
276 enforcement in 2008 at the Floyd County jail; and

277 WHEREAS, in 2010, Detective Hearne became a deputy sheriff with the Floyd County  
278 Sheriff's Department, and in 2012, she returned to Polk County to work patrol with the Polk  
279 County Police Department; and

280 WHEREAS, she worked as an investigator with the Polk County Police Department from  
281 2013 to 2017; and

282 WHEREAS, Detective Hearne's life was tragically cut short when she and another officer  
283 were ambushed by gunfire from two suspects upon responding to a call involving a suspected  
284 stolen vehicle; and

285 WHEREAS, Detective Hearne was united in love and marriage to her husband, Matt Hearne,  
286 and was blessed with a remarkable son, Isaac; and

287 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Detective Hearne will long be  
288 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal wife, daughter, mother, and  
289 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her; and

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

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**PART XIII**

293 WHEREAS, Mr. Hoyt Dean "Dink" McCoy was a lifelong resident of Banks County,  
294 Georgia, where he was known by many as the mayor emeritus of Bushville; and

295 WHEREAS, Mr. McCoy was the owner of McCoy Grading Company and was a passionate  
296 fan of NASCAR; and

297 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. McCoy was an active member of Webbs  
298 Creek Baptist Church; and

299 WHEREAS, he was a loving and devoted father to his daughters, Marsha, Chris, and Kim,  
300 who blessed him with four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and he was a  
301 supportive brother to his sisters, Jean, Nan, Mary, Jimmie, and Sid; and

302 WHEREAS, a politics buff, Mr. McCoy enjoyed attending the legislature's annual Wild Hog  
303 Supper and, along with "Boll Weevil" Rylee, is said to have manufactured and delivered  
304 more nontaxed clear spirits to the Georgia State Capitol than any other Georgian; and

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

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**PART XIV**

308 WHEREAS, Mr. L. Douglas Griffith has lived in his home on Georgia Highway 92 in  
309 Paulding County since his parents, Lemon Gray and Mable Clara Annie Grogan Griffith,  
310 purchased it on September 4, 1944, when he was just nine months old; and

311 WHEREAS, Mr. Griffith has long been recognized by his neighbors in Crossroads, Georgia,  
312 for his leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of  
313 Georgia; and

314 WHEREAS, his vision and guidance have been instrumental to numerous local  
315 organizations, including Citizens to Save Paulding County, the Paulding County  
316 Archaeology Association, the Paulding County Historical Society, and the county's  
317 Sesquicentennial Committee; and

318 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Griffith is a faithful member of Crossroads  
319 Baptist Church of Christ and has served as a delegate to the First District Union Meeting of  
320 the New Hope Baptist Association; and

321 WHEREAS, he has tirelessly worked to keep Georgia Highway 92 clean and in a state of  
322 safe repair for the traveling public; and

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

325 **PART XV**

326 WHEREAS, Representative Lynmore James has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
327 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
328 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

329 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
330 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
331 dramatically by his service with the Georgia House of Representatives; and

332 WHEREAS, a native of Byromville, Georgia, Representative James was elected to the  
333 Georgia General Assembly in 1992 and served on the House Committees on Agriculture and  
334 Consumer Affairs, Appropriations, Regulated Industries, and Retirement until his retirement  
335 in 2012; and

336 WHEREAS, he graduated from Flint River Farm High School and earned a bachelor's degree  
337 from Tuskegee University in Alabama; and

338 WHEREAS, he worked in the quality control division of Ford Motor Company, and his  
339 leadership and guidance were instrumental to the Flag Bank Board of Directors, Flint River  
340 Community Hospital Governing Board, Macon County Kiwanis, Georgia Agri-Leaders  
341 Forum, Fort Valley State University Foundation Board, and Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.;

342 and

343 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Representative James is an active member of  
344 Shade Arnold Baptist Church in Macon County; and

345 WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Faye, for 46 wonderful  
346 years and blessed with three amazing sons, Lynorris, Mack Carlton, and Jeffrey; seven  
347 outstanding grandchildren; and three incredible great-grandchildren; and

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

350 **PART XVI**

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

354 WHEREAS, Mr. J. Marion Thomason was born in Toccoa, Georgia, on June 27, 1926, the  
355 beloved son of Gartrell and Lou Ella Thomason; and

356 WHEREAS, a graduate of Toccoa High School, he served as a guardian of this nation's  
357 freedom and liberty with the United States Army 8th Air Force, valiantly and courageously  
358 defending America during World War II; and

359 WHEREAS, he earned a degree in civil engineering from Clemson Agricultural College and  
360 began his distinguished career in the civil engineering program of the State Highway  
361 Department; and

362 WHEREAS, after many years of service with the state, Mr. Thomason joined Tugalo  
363 Construction Company, where he served as a partner until his retirement; and

364 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Thomason was an active member of First  
365 Baptist Church of Toccoa, where he served as a deacon and participated in several mission  
366 trips; and

367 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous organizations,  
368 including the Lions Club, Stephens County Food Bank, Georgia Mountain Regional  
369 Development Center, and Toccoa Masonic Lodge; and

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

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**PART XVII**

373 WHEREAS, Senator Edward H. Zipperer has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
374 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
375 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

376 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
377 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
378 dramatically by his service with the Georgia Senate from 1967 to 1975; and

379 WHEREAS, while in the Georgia General Assembly, Senator Zipperer served on 13  
380 committees and was instrumental in obtaining public recreational areas for Skidaway Island  
381 State Park, Fort McAllister State Park, and King's Ferry Ogeechee River; and

382 WHEREAS, Senator Zipperer's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
383 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs  
384 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
385 associates; and

386 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
387 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

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**PART XVIII**

391 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most noble, patriotic, and  
392 selfless citizens with the passing of Special Forces soldier Staff Sergeant Dustin Michael  
393 Wright on October 4, 2017; and

394 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright was serving his third deployment in Niger when he lost  
395 his life in the line of duty while on a Special Forces mission; and

396 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright of Lyons, Georgia, was 29 years old at the time of his  
397 passing and a beloved son of Arnold Edgar "Ardie" Wright and Terri Trull Criscio; and

398 WHEREAS, he attended Georgia Southern University and Fayetteville State University and  
399 was a partner of Southern Rain Control with Rick Grisham before taking over ownership of  
400 the business; and

401 WHEREAS, he joined the United States Army in 2012 to continue his family's military  
402 legacy, graduated from Advanced Individual Training, and completed Army Airborne School  
403 training, the Special Operations Preparation Course, and the Special Forces Assessment and  
404 Selection Course; and

405 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright earned the status of United States Army Special Forces  
406 and was awarded the coveted Green Beret in 2014; and

407 WHEREAS, a compassionate and courageous man, Staff Sergeant Wright will long be  
408 remembered for his love of family and friendship, fidelity to country and the Constitution,  
409 and heroism in the face of enormous adversity; and

410 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright will be missed by all who had the great fortune of  
411 knowing him, his legacy will serve as an inspiration to countless men and women, and his  
412 noble sacrifice resounds in history as a shining example of patriotism in defense of these  
413 United States of America; and

414 WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning  
415 in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding  
416 accomplishments and sacrifices of this remarkable and distinguished American be honored  
417 appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

418 **PART XIX**

419 WHEREAS, Mr. Roy E. Herrington has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for  
420 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
421 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

422 WHEREAS, a native of Baxley, Georgia, Mr. Herrington graduated from Appling County  
423 High School and Marsh Business College and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom  
424 and liberty with the United States Air Force; and



425 WHEREAS, he served as the District 1 representative on the Georgia Department of  
426 Transportation Board from 2005 to 2010 and was honored as Appling County Citizen of the  
427 Year in 1981; and

428 WHEREAS, his leadership has been instrumental to numerous organizations, including  
429 Appling County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Baxley State Bank Board of  
430 Directors, Community Bank of Georgia Board of Directors, Baxley Kiwanis Club, Appling  
431 County Industrial Development Authority, and Appling County Stockman's Association; and

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

436 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
437 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

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

441 **PART XX**

442 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
443 citizens with the passing of Mr. Milton Lonzo Priest on July 5, 1988; and

444 WHEREAS, a native of Ellijay, Georgia, Mr. Priest owned and operated the Priest Store at  
445 the intersection of Georgia's State Route 136 and State Route 382; and

446 WHEREAS, a pillar of the Ellijay community, Mr. Priest helped run the local voting precinct  
447 and helped drive school buses; and

448 WHEREAS, Mr. Priest was a mainstay of the community and played an instrumental role  
449 in getting State Route 136 paved for the benefit of his neighbors and visitors to the area; and

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

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**PART XXI**

453 WHEREAS, Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
454 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
455 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

456 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
457 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
458 dramatically by his superlative service to the City of Savannah; and

459 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams was born in Savannah on May 11, 1945, the beloved son of  
460 Floyd "Pressboy" Adams, Sr., and Wilhelmina Anderson Adams; and

461 WHEREAS, he attended St. Anthony Catholic School, St. Pius X Catholic School, Brooklyn  
462 College, and Armstrong State College; and

463 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams took over his family's printing business, The Herald of  
464 Savannah, Inc., and became a master printer and professional photographer and served as the  
465 *Herald of Savannah's* publisher and president, which is now known as *Savannah Herald*; and

466 WHEREAS, he was elected as District One alderman for the City of Savannah in 1982, a  
467 position he held until 1991 when he was elected to serve as alderman-at-large for Post One;  
468 and

469 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams was the first African American elected to a city-wide post in  
470 Savannah and later made history again by being elected as the first African American mayor  
471 for the city; and

472 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams' leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous  
473 organizations, including the United Way, Private Industry Council, Georgia Black Elected  
474 Officials Association, National Black Council of Local Elected Officials, Savannah's Printers  
475 Association, Savannah's Photography Association, the Savannah Branch of the NAACP,  
476 Cloverdale Civic Improvement Association, and Prince Hall Masons; and

477 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a Freedom  
478 Fighter Award from the NAACP and 1996 Citizen of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,  
479 Mu Phi Chapter; and

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

482 **PART XXII**

483 WHEREAS, Representative Paul Smith has long been recognized by the citizens of this state  
484 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
485 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

486 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
487 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
488 dramatically by his 18 years of superlative service with the Georgia House of  
489 Representatives; and

490 WHEREAS, after his retirement from the Georgia Extension Service, Representative Smith  
491 was elected to the Georgia General Assembly, where he served on the House Committees  
492 on Appropriations, State Planning and Community Affairs, and Ways and Means; and

493 WHEREAS, he served as Secretary and Chairman of the House Committee on  
494 Transportation, helping secure much needed funding for important transportation projects  
495 for the northwest Georgia region; and

496 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to the Rome Exchange  
497 Club, where he has dedicated 63 years to assisting with the Coosa Valley Fair in Rome and  
498 ensuring the event is a fun filled family event for all in attendance; and

499 WHEREAS, he has been recognized as Georgia Fairman of the Year for 2018 by the  
500 Association of Agricultural Fairs; and

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

503 **PART XXIII**

504 WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and  
505 liberty with the United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow  
506 Americans during the Vietnam War; and

507 WHEREAS, a strong advocate for labor, Mr. Meyers was a member of the New York  
508 Newspaper Printing Pressman's Union Local #2 for several decades before moving to  
509 Savannah to continue his work, advocating on behalf of labor, income equality, civil rights,  
510 and the environment; and

511 WHEREAS, in 2010, Mr. Meyers helped organize the RUFFians, Retirees Unite for the  
512 Future, an advocacy group of senior retirees, and served as the organization's president; and

513 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance to the RUFFians was invaluable, as he assisted the  
514 group in staging information tables at events and organizing rallies, marches, and other direct  
515 action initiatives in support of improving important social issues such as increased minimum  
516 wage, expansion of Medicare and social security, tax reform, clean energy, and equal voting  
517 rights; and

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

521 **PART XXIV**

522 WHEREAS, South Georgia is one of the few areas remaining in the United States where  
523 there are miles of rural landscape, historic small towns, and abundant agricultural operations;  
524 and

525 WHEREAS, the promotion of agritourism represents a readily available and effective tool  
526 with which to spur economic development; and

527 WHEREAS, the portions of highways to be included in the Georgia Grown Trail: 17 wind  
528 through miles of family owned farms; pristine hunting plantations; u-pick farms, farm stands,  
529 and hands-on educational farm experiences; farm-to-table restaurants and establishments  
530 dedicated to preserving and sharing local recipes, traditions, and crops and farming  
531 techniques; and

532 WHEREAS, dedication of this route as a scenic highway will promote economic well-being  
533 through agritourism.

534

**PART XXV**

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

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

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

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

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

551

**PART XXVI**

552 WHEREAS, Representative "Doc" Gene Maddox has long been recognized by the citizens  
553 of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal  
554 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

555 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
556 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
557 dramatically by his service with the Georgia House of Representatives for eight years as  
558 representative for House District 172; and

559 WHEREAS, while in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Maddox served on the  
560 House Committees on Health and Human Services, Economic Development and Tourism,  
561 Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Retirement, and Human Relations and Aging and his

562 diligence and hard work were instrumental in the passage of the spay and neuter specialty  
563 license plate and a bill to combat vicious dogs; and

564 WHEREAS, a graduate of Jackson High School, Representative Maddox attended Abraham  
565 Baldwin College and graduated from the University of Georgia's School of Veterinary  
566 Medicine; and

567 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including 2006  
568 Veterinarian of the Year, 2009 University of Georgia Distinguished Alumni, 2010 Legislator  
569 of the Year by the Georgia Firefighters Association, and a 2005 Community Service Award  
570 from the Grady County Chamber of Commerce; and

571 WHEREAS, Representative Maddox's significant organizational and leadership talents, his  
572 remarkable patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs  
573 of the citizens of this state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and  
574 associates; and

575 WHEREAS, he is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for  
576 integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

577 WHEREAS, Representative Maddox has been blessed with the love and support of his wife,  
578 Patsy, and four sons, nine grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren and a third who was  
579 called to Heaven, with two more great-grandchildren expected soon; and

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

582 **PART XXVII**

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

586 WHEREAS, SPC Jackie Marcell Morgan was born on March 6, 1941, and served as a  
587 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces during the  
588 Vietnam War; and

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

592 WHEREAS, SPC Morgan gave the ultimate sacrifice for his country, and he embodied the  
593 spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself; and

594 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the sacrifices of this remarkable and  
595 distinguished American be honored appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

596 **PART XXVIII**

597 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
598 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the north and south interchanges of Interstate 85 at  
599 Exit 94/Chamblee Tucker Road are dedicated as the Robert H. "Bob" Bell Interchanges.

600 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from  
601 Interstate 75/State Route 401 to State Route 42 in Butts County is dedicated as the  
602 Honorable William "Bill" Jones Highway.

603 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 88  
604 within the City of Hephzibah in Richmond County is dedicated as the A. Frank Williams  
605 Highway.

606 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange on Interstate 20 at  
607 State Route 12/State Route 124/Turner Hill Road in DeKalb County is dedicated as the  
608 Thurbert Baker Interchange.

609 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Historic US 441 in  
610 Habersham County is dedicated as the Troy Simpson Memorial Bridge.

611 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 129 with  
612 Westmoreland Road in White County is dedicated as the Horace Fitzpatrick Intersection.

613 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 20 from  
614 Windermere Parkway in Forsyth County to Suwanee Dam Road in Gwinnett County is  
615 dedicated as the Rudy Bowen Highway.

616 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 124 from State  
617 Route 10/US 78 to GA 316 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the John D. Stephens  
618 Highway.

619 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 347 from Interstate  
620 985/GA 365 to McEver Road in Hall County is dedicated as the Virgil Williams Highway.

621 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 95 and  
622 Exit 14 in Camden County is dedicated as the Army Captain Corry Paul Tyler Memorial  
623 Interchange.

624 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 76 from  
625 Ten Mile Creek Road to Giddens Road in Berrien County is dedicated as the Walter James  
626 Gaskins Memorial Highway.

627 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Sybil Brannon Parkway  
628 over Highway 278 in Polk County is dedicated as the Detective Kristen Snead Hearne  
629 Memorial Bridge.

630 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 164 from  
631 U.S. Route 441 to State Route 59 in Banks County is dedicated as the Hoyt Dean "Dink"  
632 McCoy, Mayor "Emeritus" of Bushville, Memorial Highway.

633 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the one-mile portion of Highway 92  
634 heading north from Due West Road in Paulding County is dedicated as the L. Douglas  
635 Griffith Highway.

636 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 26 from  
637 Flint River School Road to the Interstate 75 intersection in Macon County is dedicated as the  
638 Lynmore James Highway.

639 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 17 from  
640 GA 123 to Rose Lane in Stephens County is dedicated as the J. Marion Thomason Memorial  
641 Highway.

642 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 204 at King  
643 George Boulevard in Chatham County is dedicated as the Edward H. Zipperer Bridge.



644 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 4/US 1  
645 through Toombs County is dedicated as the Staff Sergeant Dustin Michael Wright Memorial  
646 Highway.

647 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 4/US 1  
648 through Appling County is dedicated as the Roy E. Herrington Highway.

649 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 136  
650 and State Route 382 in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Milton Lonzo Priest Memorial  
651 Intersection.

652 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 516 over West  
653 Bay Street in Chatham County is dedicated as the Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr., Bridge.

654 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Cedartown  
655 Highway/US Highway 27 and the South Rome Bypass/State Route 746 in Floyd County is  
656 dedicated as the Paul Smith Interchange.

657 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 204 over  
658 Ogeechee Road in Chatham County is dedicated as the Philly J. Meyers Bridge.

659 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 17 from  
660 Kingsland at the Florida state line to Savannah at the South Carolina state line is dedicated  
661 as the Georgia Grown Trail: 17.

662 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that this body hereby joins in honoring  
663 United States military veterans and dedicates the portion of U.S. Highway 280 from the  
664 western city limit of Belleville in Evans County to the Tattnall County line as the Veterans  
665 Memorial Highway.

666 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Highway 112 within  
667 Grady County is dedicated as the Representative "Doc" Gene Maddox Highway.

668 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 38 over  
669 Woodyard Creek in Clinch County is dedicated as the Jackie Marcell Morgan Memorial  
670 Bridge.

671 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that a resolution dedicating certain  
672 portions of the state highway system as approved on May 9, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 825), is  
673 amended by repealing the fifth undesignated paragraph of Part XIX relating to the dedication  
674 of the Tyler Perry Highway.

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

678 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized to  
679 correct any errors in the spelling of names included in this resolution without further action  
680 from the General Assembly.

681 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
682 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of  
683 Transportation; to Robert H. "Bob" Bell, Honorable William "Bill" Jones,  
684 Mr. A. Frank Williams, Attorney General Thurbert Baker, Mr. Rudy Bowen,  
685 Mr. John D. Stephens, Mr. Virgil R. Williams; Mr. L. Douglas Griffith; Representative  
686 Lynmore James; Senator Edward H. Zipperer; Mr. Roy E. Herrington; Representative Paul  
687 Smith; and Representative "Doc" Gene Maddox; and to the families of Mr. Troy Simpson;  
688 Mr. Horace Fitzpatrick; Captain Corry Paul Tyler; Mr. Walter James Gaskins; Detective  
689 Kristen Snead Hearne; Mr. Hoyt Dean "Dink" McCoy; Mr. J. Marion Thomason; Staff  
690 Sergeant Dustin Michael Wright; Mr. Milton Lonzo Priest; Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr.;  
691 Mr. Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers; and SPC Jackie Marcell Morgan.