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

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

PART I

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Georgia with honor and distinction, and his vision and unyielding commitment set the standard for public service; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating interchanges in his honor.

PART II

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART III

WHEREAS, Mr. A. Frank Williams 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

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

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

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

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

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

PART IV

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

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

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

WHEREAS, Attorney General Baker has been consistently selected as one of the "100 Most Influential Georgians" by Georgia Trend magazine; and
WHEREAS, in 2009, he received the first annual Barack Obama Political Leadership award from the National Bar Association, and he was recently selected by *Men Looking Ahead* magazine as its Man of the Year; and

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

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

**PART V**

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.
WHEREAS, Mr. Horace Fitzpatrick was born on January 18, 1930, the beloved son of Ernest Obediah Fitzpatrick and Chester Bonnie White and youngest of 13 children; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, over the next five years, Mr. Bowen constructed an average of 50 homes a year and, in 1985, the company began its own land development efforts, which allowed the company to avoid third-party costs; and
WHEREAS, to this day, Bowen Family Homes constructs entire communities and provides customers with a total home buying experience; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.
WHEREAS, Mr. John D. Stephens may be best known for his long and accomplished career in construction, real estate, banking, and waste management, but he has also made his mark on the civic community of the Atlanta region; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including on the Board of Trustees of Georgia Gwinnett College, the Board of Directors of
WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the Citizen of the Year Award in 2006, the Gwinnett Clean and Beautiful Environmental Legacy Award in 2007, and the naming of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce's Education Center in his honor; and

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

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

PART IX

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, this innovation changed the face of modern banking, with Mr. Williams utilizing this idea nationwide in the form of International Banking Technologies; his financial institutions eventually became part of Bank of America, one of the largest banks in the United States; and
WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was a member of the Bank of America Board of Directors, where he served on the Executive Committee and the Compensation Committee and chaired the Governance Committee until his retirement; and

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

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

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

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

PART X

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

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

WHEREAS, Captain Tyler served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with three tours in Iraq in 2003, 2006, and 2007; and
WHEREAS, on August 22, 2007, while deployed in Multaka, Iraq, Captain Tyler, along with 13 others, made the ultimate sacrifice when their Black Hawk helicopter crashed during a nighttime mission; and

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

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

PART XI

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART XII

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.
WHEREAS, Mr. Hoyt Dean "Dink" McCoy was a lifelong resident of Banks County, Georgia, where he was known by many as the mayor emeritus of Bushville; and

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

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

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

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

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

PART XIV

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

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

WHEREAS, his vision and guidance have been instrumental to numerous local organizations, including Citizens to Save Paulding County, the Paulding County Archaeology Association, the Paulding County Historical Society, and the county's Sesquicentennial Committee; and
WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Griffith is a faithful member of Crossroads
Baptist Church of Christ and has served as a delegate to the First District Union Meeting of
the New Hope Baptist Association; and

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

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

PART XV

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Representative James is an active member of
Shade Arnold Baptist Church in Macon County; and
WHEREAS, he has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Faye, for 46 wonderful years and blessed with three amazing sons, Lynorris, Mack Carlton, and Jeffrey; seven outstanding grandchildren; and three incredible great-grandchildren; and

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

PART XVI

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART XVIII

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

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

WHEREAS, Staff Sergeant Wright of Lyons, Georgia, was 29 years old at the time of his passing and a beloved son of Arnold Edgar "Ardie" Wright and Terri Trull Criscio; and
WHEREAS, he attended Georgia Southern University and Fayetteville State University and was a partner of Southern Rain Control with Rick Grisham before taking over ownership of the business; and

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

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

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

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

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

PART XIX

WHEREAS, Mr. Roy E. Herrington 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, a native of Baxley, Georgia, Mr. Herrington graduated from Appling County High School and Marsh Business College and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force; and
WHEREAS, he served as the District 1 representative on the Georgia Department of Transportation Board from 2005 to 2010 and was honored as Appling County Citizen of the Year in 1981; and

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

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

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

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

PART XX

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.
WHEREAS, Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a Freedom Fighter Award from the NAACP and 1996 Citizen of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Mu Phi Chapter; and
WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

PART XXII

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART XXIII

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip "Philly" J. Meyers served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans during the Vietnam War; and
WHEREAS, a strong advocate for labor, Mr. Meyers was a member of the New York Newspaper Printing Pressman's Union Local #2 for several decades before moving to Savannah to continue his work, advocating on behalf of labor, income equality, civil rights, and the environment; and

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

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

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

PART XXIV

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WHEREAS, while in the Georgia General Assembly, Representative Maddox served on the House Committees on Health and Human Services, Economic Development and Tourism, Agriculture and Consumer Affairs, Retirement, and Human Relations and Aging and his
diligence and hard work were instrumental in the passage of the spay and neuter specialty
license plate and a bill to combat vicious dogs; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

PART XXVII

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, SPC Jackie Marcell Morgan was born on March 6, 1941, and served as a
guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces during the
Vietnam War; and
WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

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

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

PART XXVIII

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 20 from Windermere Parkway in Forsyth County to Suwanee Dam Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Rudy Bowen Highway.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of GA 124 from State Route 10/US 78 to GA 316 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the John D. Stephens Highway.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 204 at King George Boulevard in Chatham County is dedicated as the Edward H. Zipperer Bridge.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 4/US 1 through Toombs County is dedicated as the Staff Sergeant Dustin Michael Wright Memorial Highway.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 38 over Woodyard Creek in Clinch County is dedicated as the Jackie Marcell Morgan Memorial Bridge.
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that a resolution dedicating certain portions of the state highway system as approved on May 9, 2017 (Ga. L. 2017, p. 825), is amended by repealing the fifth undesignated paragraph of Part XIX relating to the dedication of the Tyler Perry Highway.

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

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

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