

House Resolution 1250

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Petrea of the 166th, Hitchens of the 161st, and Westbrook of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Peter "Pete" Liakakis and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Peter "Pete" Liakakis was born on January 9, 1932, in Savannah, Georgia,
4 and attended Savannah High School; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Air Force, was trained as a bomb disposal expert, and worked as the deputy director
7 of civil defense during the Cold War Era and as a covert intelligence officer; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Liakakis operated several firework retail stores in Savannah and a small
9 chain of Pal Convenience Stores before founding the United Security Agency and later the
10 United Detective Agency, where he earned a well deserved reputation for getting results for
11 his clients; and

12 WHEREAS, he provided security detail for the stars and sets of several movies filmed in
13 Savannah and went on to co-produce films and television programs with Burt Reynolds
14 through their production company, Sun Classic Pictures; and

15 WHEREAS, later in life, Mr. Liakakis worked in politics as a campaign manager and adviser
16 before running for office himself in 1995 at age 63, when he was elected as alderman at large
17 for the Savannah City Council; and

18 WHEREAS, he later served on the Chatham County Board of Commissioners as chairman
19 and held leadership roles for the Chatham Area Transit Authority, the executive committee
20 of the American Cancer Society, Savannah Tech Foundation, and the Beach Institute, to
21 name just a few; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 204 from mile point 21.5 to 27.7
26 in Chatham County is dedicated as the Chairman Pete Liakakis Memorial Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Chairman Pete Liakakis
29 Memorial Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Mr. Peter "Pete" Liakakis and to the Department of Transportation.