

House Resolution 1253

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162nd, Stephens of the 164th, Jackson of the 165th, and Westbrook of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams and
2 dedicating an interchange in their memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams have long been
4 recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital roles that they have played in leadership
5 and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Rev. Dr. Hosea L. Williams was a renowned civil rights leader whose work
7 was crucial in achieving one of the civil rights movement's greatest accomplishments, the
8 passage of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill and the 1965 Voting Rights Act; and

9 WHEREAS, born on January 5, 1926, Rev. Dr. Williams was orphaned at the age of ten after
10 his blind mother passed away, yet he went on to earn a bachelor's degree in chemistry from
11 Morris Brown College, earn a Purple Heart for his heroic service during World War II, and
12 become a renowned research chemist with the United States Department of Agriculture; and

13 WHEREAS, Rep. Juanita Williams graduated third in her class at Savannah State College
14 and earned a master's degree from Atlanta University; and

15 WHEREAS, she was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1984 and diligently
16 and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the
17 betterment of her community and state for four terms; and

18 WHEREAS, following the teachings of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., to "clothe the naked and
19 feed the hungry," Rev. Dr. and Rep. Williams founded the Hosea Feed the Hungry and
20 Homeless aid organization in 1970, which is currently the largest direct-to-client food service
21 organization in the Southeast and a provider of medical and educational aid in Haiti and
22 Philippines; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
24 Georgians be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of State Route 405 and State Route 204 in
27 Chatham County is dedicated as the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams
28 Memorial Interchange.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and
31 Rep. Juanita T. Williams Memorial Interchange.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
34 family of Rev. Dr. Hosea Williams and Rep. Juanita T. Williams and to the Department of
35 Transportation.