

House Resolution 1431

By: Representatives Welch of the 110th, Douglas of the 78th, Scott of the 76th, and Strickland of the 111th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Martin Luther King, Sr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Martin Luther King, Sr., the beloved son of James and Delia Linsey King,
4 was born Michael King in 1899 in a sharecropper's cabin in Stockbridge, Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Daddy King," Mr. King was the father of Nobel Peace
6 Prize recipient Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. King attended the Stockbridge Rosenwald School and was licensed as a
8 preacher at the age of 15, preaching his first sermon at Floyd Chapel Baptist Church; and

9 WHEREAS, in 1934, Mr. Martin changed his name and that of his son to Martin Luther and
10 encouraged his son to become active in the Civil Rights Movement; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. King was a major influence on his son's decision to enter the ministry and
12 the guidance he provided to Martin Luther King, Jr., as a child and young adult had an
13 everlasting impact on the man he became; and

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

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over the Norfolk Southern rail lines/North and
18 South Berry Streets on State Route 42 in Henry County is dedicated as the Martin Luther
19 King, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
21 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Martin Luther King, Sr.,
22 Memorial Bridge.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 family of Mr. Martin Luther King, Sr., and the Department of Transportation.