

House Resolution 1524

By: Representative Ralston of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mayor Barbara Stephens and dedicating a road in her memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Barbara Stephens is remembered by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens
5 of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, a graduate of Young Harris College, Mayor Stephens dedicated 30 years to
7 inspiring and educating this state's future leaders as a teacher at East Fannin Elementary
8 School; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Stephens was elected the first female mayor of Morganton and diligently
10 and conscientiously served the citizens of Morganton for 13 and one-half years when she was
11 elected to serve as the city's mayor after there was a threat of disbanding the city charter
12 while she was a member of the city council; and

13 WHEREAS, her leadership and foresight were instrumental in obtaining a grant for \$5.6
14 million to replace the city's water lines, build a new 200,000 gallon water tank, establish a
15 new well, expand the water system, and increase the number of fire hydrants from 11 to 111;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, during her term as mayor, Fire Station 11 was opened, allowing life-saving
18 services to be provided to the people of Morganton faster and more efficiently; and

19 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Stephens taught Sunday school for
20 many years at Temple Baptist Church; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 60 where the road diverges from
25 Old U.S. 76 and proceeds west toward Blue Ridge to the intersection of State Route 60/Old
26 U.S. 76/Morganton Highway and Thomas Street in Fannin County is dedicated as the
27 Barbara Stephens Memorial Highway.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Barbara Stephens Memorial
30 Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
33 family of Mayor Barbara Stephens and to the Department of Transportation.