

## House Resolution 1596

By: Representatives Reeves of the 99<sup>th</sup>, Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 138<sup>th</sup>, Hong of the 103<sup>rd</sup>, and Clark of the 100<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life and memory of Thomas D. Moreland; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
3 citizens with the passing of Thomas D. Moreland on July 24, 2023; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Thomas D. Moreland was born on July 12, 1933, in Chatsworth, Georgia, a  
5 beloved son of J. L. and Evelyn Moreland; and
- 6 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
7 States Army, protecting his fellow Americans for two years and serving thereafter for another  
8 30 years as part of the National Guard; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Thomas D. Moreland was the longest-serving DOT commissioner in Georgia  
10 and the first Professional Engineer and Career Department employee to serve as  
11 commissioner, a role in which he contributed significantly to the state's infrastructure  
12 development; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Thomas D. Moreland was an active member  
14 of Sugar Hill Church for 25 years, where he served as a teacher of the Men's Sunday school  
15 class; and

16 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Evelyn, and was blessed with  
17 four remarkable children, Vickie, Melissa, Holly, and Steve; four wonderful grandchildren,  
18 Laura, Tom, Clancy, and Bonner; and one beloved great-granddaughter, Adalynn; and

19 WHEREAS, he was a proud alumnus of the Georgia Institute of Technology who graduated  
20 with the highest honors and held master's and bachelor's degrees in civil engineering; and

21 WHEREAS, Thomas D. Moreland designed and implemented "Spaghetti Junction," the  
22 intersection of Interstates 85 and 285 near his longtime home county of Gwinnett County,  
23 and designed and implemented the Atlantic Station 17th Street Bridge in Atlanta, which he  
24 painted yellow in honor of his beloved alma mater.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that  
26 the members of this body join in honoring the life and memory of Thomas D. Moreland and  
27 express their deepest and most sincere regret at his passing.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 family of Thomas D. Moreland.