

House Resolution 444

By: Representative McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Willie Thomas Murray and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Thomas Murray has long been recognized for the vital role he played  
4 in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Murray served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the  
6 United States military during World War II; and

7 WHEREAS, he was a leader in Lincoln County, where he served as a charter member and  
8 president of Twilight Improvement Association, a clearing-house for the presentation,  
9 review, and study of problems facing county citizens; and

10 WHEREAS, during his years of service, the association received federal funds for emergency  
11 food and medical services for county residents, and he was instrumental in establishing a  
12 county-wide transportation program for senior citizens; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Murray served as chairman of the board  
14 of trustees of Thankful Baptist Church and was a member of the Beulah Volunteer Fire  
15 Department; and

16 WHEREAS, he provided scholarships for six Lincoln County college students and conducted  
17 several voter registration drives and voter forums; and

18 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
19 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over New Ford Creek on Highway 79 in Lincoln  
22 County is dedicated as the Willie Thomas Murray Memorial Bridge.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Willie Thomas Murray  
25 Memorial Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
28 family of Mr. Willie Thomas Murray and to the Department of Transportation.