

## House Resolution 545

By: Representatives Wade of the 9<sup>th</sup>, Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>, and Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mrs. Opal Gibson Crawford Barron and dedicating an  
2 intersection in her memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mrs. Opal  
4 Gibson Crawford Barron; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barron was born on January 12, 1942, in Lumpkin County, Georgia, the  
6 beloved daughter of Frank Gibson and Lila Mae Odum Gibson; and

7 WHEREAS, she spoke often of her fond memories growing up on Highway 52 and operating  
8 her father's store; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Barron demonstrated great devotion, patience, and understanding to her  
10 students as a teacher's aide at Riverbend School for many years; and

11 WHEREAS, a talented cosmologist, Mrs. Barron owned a successful business in Dahlonega  
12 for over 40 years; and

13 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
14 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,  
15 she made this world a better place in which to live; and

16 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Barron was a pianist at Mill Creek  
17 Baptist Church for 50 years and uplifted the congregation with her beautiful voice as a  
18 Gospel singer; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
20 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 9 and State Route 52 in  
23 Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Opal G. Crawford Barron Memorial Roundabout.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Opal G. Crawford Barron  
26 Memorial Roundabout.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 family of Mrs. Opal Gibson Crawford Barron and to the Department of Transportation.