

House Resolution 853

By: Representative Bentley of the 139th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Dr. Delores Felder and dedicating a bridge in her memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
4 with the passing of Dr. Delores Felder on September 18, 2014; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Felder was born on April 11, 1949, in Marshallville, Georgia, a beloved
6 daughter of Arthur Felder II and Carrie Lou Murph Felder; and

7 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, she was an active member of Saint James
8 Christian Methodist Episcopal Church and active in several community organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor of Science and master's degrees from Fort Valley
10 State College and later received her doctoral degree from Nova Southern University in Fort
11 Lauderdale, Florida; and

12 WHEREAS, Dr. Felder taught in the Macon County School System from 1971 until 1981,
13 where she served as Assistant Administrator with the Macon County Board of Education and
14 as principal of the new Macon County Elementary School and the D.F. Douglass Alternative
15 Center before retiring in 2003; and

16 WHEREAS, her love for her city and others led her to be elected to the city council, where
17 her long service included the position of Mayor Pro Tem; and

18 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
19 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
20 her family and friends were admired by others; and

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

24 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Dr. Felder will long be remembered for
25 her love of family and friendship, and this loyal sister, aunt, educator, and friend will be
26 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing her; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
28 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her memory.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 127 over the Flint River
31 Overflow, 3 miles west of Marshallville in Macon County, is dedicated as the Dr. Delores
32 Felder Memorial Bridge.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
34 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Delores Felder Memorial
35 Bridge.

36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
37 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
38 family of Dr. Delores Felder and to the Department of Transportation.