

## House Resolution 939

By: Representatives Reese of the 140<sup>th</sup>, Hugley of the 141<sup>st</sup>, Buckner of the 137<sup>th</sup>, Smith of the 139<sup>th</sup>, and Mitchell of the 88<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Representative Calvin Smyre and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Representative Calvin Smyre has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to  
5 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Smyre graduated from high school in Frankfurt, Germany, and  
7 earned a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley University; and

8 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1975, where his  
9 leadership, diplomacy, and friendship were treasured by his colleagues and his experience  
10 and vision earned him the title as Dean of the House; and

11 WHEREAS, for nearly five decades Representative Smyre led the Georgia House of  
12 Representatives as a consensus builder, helping to usher life changing legislation to passage  
13 and broker compromise on ground breaking issues; and

14 WHEREAS, over the years he has held numerous leadership roles outside of the State  
15 Capitol, including with Fort Valley State Board of Trustees, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma  
16 Pi Phi Fraternity, Columbus Medical Center Board of Trustees, Columbus Metro Urban  
17 League, Liberty Theater Cultural Center, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the  
18 Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, and the Democratic Party at the county,  
19 state, and national level; and

20 WHEREAS, Representative Smyre's tireless dedication to others has been recognized with  
21 numerous awards, including two time National Legislator of the Year by the National Black  
22 Caucus of State Legislators, Humanitarian of the Year by the National Council of Black  
23 Women, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, to  
24 name just a few; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
26 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of I-185 and Macon Road Interchange in  
29 Muscogee County is dedicated as the State Representative Calvin Smyre Interchange.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the State Representative Calvin  
32 Smyre Interchange.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
34 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to  
35 Representative Calvin Smyre and to the Department of Transportation.