

Senate Resolution 655

By: Senators Payne of the 54th, Goodman of the 8th, Hufstetler of the 52nd, Burns of the 23rd, Still of the 48th and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Mr. Tim Howard and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Tim Howard has long been recognized by the citizens of Murray County,
3 Georgia, for the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
4 preserving and sharing the rich history of the county; and
- 5 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Mr. Murray County History" by many, Mr. Howard's
6 passion for local history began in fourth grade during a school field trip to the Chief Vann
7 House; and
- 8 WHEREAS, he joined the Murray County Historical Society as a high school junior in 1976
9 and worked throughout his high school years to survey all of Murray County's cemeteries;
10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, after graduating from Berry College, Mr. Howard returned to Murray County
12 to teach in the Murray County School System, where he inspired and molded the minds of
13 future leaders for 34 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Howard has dedicated his life to the history of Murray County, leading
15 groups on historical tours throughout the county, providing support to historical societies as
16 well as the county, leading efforts for the historical recognition of Spring Place, and
17 researching and writing about the history of the county for future generations; and

18 WHEREAS, his passion and dedication has been recognized with numerous awards,
19 including Murray County Jaycee's Outstanding Young Man of Murray County for 1983,
20 Murray County Teacher of the Year in 1986 and 1990, a Young Alumni Award for
21 Distinguished Service and President's Award from Berry College, and Man of the Year and
22 Humanitarian of the Year from the Chatsworth Murray County Chamber of Commerce; and

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

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 52 over Town Branch River in
27 Murray County is dedicated as the Tim Howard Bridge.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Tim Howard Bridge.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
31 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mr. Tim Howard
32 and to the Department of Transportation.