

Senate Resolution 863

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

**ADOPTED**

**A RESOLUTION**

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, veterans of the Vietnam War demonstrated a deep personal commitment to  
7 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort  
8 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

9 WHEREAS, these brave men and women served as guardians of this nation's freedom and  
10 liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in  
11 order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

12 WHEREAS, it is important that Vietnam veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this  
13 nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of  
14 the United States; and

15 WHEREAS, these individuals embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
16 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the  
17 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished  
18 Americans be honored appropriately.

19 **PART II**

20 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
21 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
22 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

23 WHEREAS, both Major General William "Bill" K. Gayler and Brigadier General John  
24 "Pete" P. Johnson have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy  
25 and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being  
26 of their fellow man; and

27 WHEREAS, the son of Max and Pat Gayler of Chattoogaville, Georgia, Major General  
28 Gayler graduated from North Georgia College, entered the United States Armed Forces in  
29 the aviation branch, and currently serves as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army  
30 Europe, and Commander, U.S. Army NATO, in Wiesbaden, Germany; and

31 WHEREAS, the son of Paulie and Aurora Johnson of Chattoogaville, Georgia, Brigadier  
32 General Johnson graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, entered  
33 the United States Armed Forces in the infantry branch, and currently serves as Director,  
34 Training Directorate, G3/5/7 Operations and Plans, United States Department of the Army  
35 at the Pentagon; and

36 WHEREAS, both men served tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat areas; have  
37 commanded companies, battalions, and brigades; and have served in the position of Chief  
38 of Staff, 101st Air Assault Division; and

39 WHEREAS, both Major General Gayler and Brigadier General Johnson were promoted to  
40 the rank of Brigadier General at the same time, had fathers who were neighbors and close  
41 friends growing up in Chattoogaville, and come from military families; and

42 WHEREAS, the Gayler and Johnson families have a combined 155 years and counting of  
43 military service to this nation; and

44 WHEREAS, Major General Gayler and Brigadier General Johnson embody the spirit of  
45 service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly  
46 fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized  
47 appropriately by dedicating a road in their honor.

48 **PART III**

49 WHEREAS, Mr. L. Wesley Smith was born in Whitwell, Tennessee, to J.W. and Billie Faye  
50 Moiser Smith but called Ringgold, Georgia, home for 43 years; and

51 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was widely recognized for the vital role that he played in leadership  
52 and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

53 WHEREAS, he dedicated his career to the banking industry for more than 50 years, starting  
54 as a bank teller for Pioneer Bank in 1965 and retiring as CEO and chairman of Northwest  
55 Georgia Bank where he served on the board for as long as his health permitted; and

56 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a former chairman of the Georgia Bankers Association and also  
57 served on the American Bankers Association Board of Directors; and

58 WHEREAS, he understood and demonstrated the importance of serving one's community  
59 by serving as deacon at several area churches and also was a member of Gathering Church  
60 in Fort Oglethorpe; and

61 WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a strong community supporter and civic leader, helping to found  
62 the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce and through his leadership the Northwest  
63 Georgia Bank Foundation donated more than \$1 million to local charities and constructed  
64 the Northwest Georgia Bank Amphitheatre; and

65 WHEREAS, he served as treasurer for Governor Nathan Deal's gubernatorial campaign and  
66 served on his transition team; and

67 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
68 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

69 **PART IV**

70 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter Frazier, Jr., was also known by teammates, coaches, opponents, and  
71 fans by the nickname "Clyde" which was derived from the famed robber Clyde Barrow of  
72 Bonnie and Clyde due to his precision in stealing the basketball from opponents; and

73 WHEREAS, the eldest of nine children, Mr. Frazier graduated from Howard High School  
74 in Atlanta, where he excelled as a quarterback of the football team and a catcher on the  
75 baseball team; and

76 WHEREAS, he accepted a basketball scholarship to Southern Illinois University and earned  
77 All American honors as a senior; and

78 WHEREAS, he was a first round draft pick for the New York Knicks in the 1987 NBA draft,  
79 and during his rookie year, Mr. Frazier and his teammate, Phil Jackson, were named to the  
80 NBA All-Rookie Team; and

81 WHEREAS, known for his amazing peripheral vision and quick hands, Mr. Frazier's skill  
82 and leadership helped the New York Knicks earn NBA Championship titles in 1970 and  
83 1973; and

84 WHEREAS, considered one of the best players in the history of the NBA, Mr. Frazier was  
85 named to the All-NBA First Team four times, the All-NBA Second Team two times, and the  
86 All Defensive First Team seven times; and

87 WHEREAS, this seven-time NBA All-Star was named All-Star Most Valuable Player in  
88 1975 and elected into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987; and

89 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this  
90 distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

91 **PART V**

92 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
93 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
94 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

95 WHEREAS, Private Lonnie S. Rhinehart demonstrated a deep personal commitment to  
96 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to  
97 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

98 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
99 States Army, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow citizens during World War II  
100 in Germany; and

101 WHEREAS, Private Rhinehart was in battle for 19 days and was 19 years old when he was  
102 killed on January 20, 1945; and

103 WHEREAS, Private Rhinehart embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
104 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable

105 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his  
106 memory.

107 **PART VI**

108 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
109 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
110 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

111 WHEREAS, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith demonstrated a deep personal  
112 commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety  
113 and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

114 WHEREAS, he was injured in a terrorist attack on the Navy Operational Support Center in  
115 Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, and died from his injuries; and

116 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the Navy  
117 for his selfless display of bravery and sacrifice; and

118 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
119 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable  
120 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his  
121 memory.

122 **PART VII**

123 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
124 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
125 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

126 WHEREAS, Private First Class Charles W. Bradshaw demonstrated a deep personal  
127 commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety  
128 and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

129 WHEREAS, he was wounded in action while serving in the Korean War on March 20, 1953,  
130 and died from his injuries; and

131 WHEREAS, Private First Class Bradshaw was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by  
132 the United States Marine Corps for his selfless display of bravery and sacrifice; and

133 WHEREAS, Private First Class Bradshaw embodied the spirit of service, willing to find  
134 meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this  
135 remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an  
136 intersection in his memory.

137 **PART VIII**

138 WHEREAS, Senator Michael Polak is widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
139 vital role that he plays in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
140 citizens of Georgia; and

141 WHEREAS, Senator Polak served ten years in the Georgia State Senate and Georgia House  
142 of Representatives, where he played a pivotal role serving the citizens of Georgia, was  
143 elected and re-elected five times by the citizens of DeKalb County, and retired in 2002; and

144 WHEREAS, Senator Polak was recognized for his legislative efforts by a broad spectrum of  
145 organizations with more than 20 Legislator of the Year and Leadership awards for his  
146 commitment to improving the lives of Georgians, especially senior citizens, veterans,  
147 children in foster care, individuals living with disabilities, and the economically  
148 disadvantaged; and

149 WHEREAS, known by his fellow members of the General Assembly as the father of ethics  
150 in Georgia, Senator Polak was recognized as a leader in calling for ethics and campaign  
151 finance reform, on which many of Georgia's current laws are based; and

152 WHEREAS, as a freshman in the Senate he was one of a few in history to receive a  
153 chairmanship position during his first term; and

154 WHEREAS, as chairman of the Senate Science, Technology, and Defense Committee and  
155 Sub Committee on Appropriations for Science and Technology, Senator Polak became a  
156 leader in technology policy, paving the way for secure digital transactions, as well as the  
157 creation of the Georgia Technology Authority; and

158 WHEREAS, one of his more significant, yet not well known, achievements includes his  
159 authorship and successful passage of legislation as a member of the House of Representatives  
160 to place Governor Zell Miller's HOPE Scholarship program into law, which stands as one of  
161 the most significant educational initiatives in the history of Georgia; and

162 WHEREAS, his time in the General Assembly was marked by his thoughtful deliberation  
163 and willingness to cross party lines, challenge the status quo, and persevere difficult  
164 challenges facing Georgia citizens; and

165 WHEREAS, Senator Polak has continued his commitment to Georgia and sharing his passion  
166 for politics as an adjunct professor teaching political science at the Georgia Institute of  
167 Technology; and

168 WHEREAS, he lives in Decatur, Georgia, and has been united in love and marriage to his  
169 wife, Holly Lanford, for 22 wonderful years and been blessed with two remarkable sons,  
170 Chase and Joshua; and

171 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this  
172 distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his former legislative district  
173 in his honor.

174 **PART IX**

175 WHEREAS, the Nacoochee Valley was the point of intersection of two major trails used by  
176 early Native Americans, where a settlement was formed called Little Chota; and

177 WHEREAS, the Unicoi Trail passed through the Valley across Unicoi Gap going to  
178 Hiawassee, North Carolina, East Tennessee, and then Kentucky, and the Rabun Trail began  
179 with Coosa to Tugaloo River, Sautee Creek, and Bean Creek and then entered the Valley,  
180 exiting at Dukes Creek to Dahlonega then Northeast Alabama; and

181 WHEREAS, the Sautee Valley, adjacent to the Nacoochee Valley, has its center point at  
182 Highway 255 and Lynch Mountain Road; and

183 WHEREAS, a toll road was constructed by early settlers on the Unicoi Trail through the  
184 Cherokee Nation and was called the Unicoi Turnpike; and

185 WHEREAS, gold was first discovered in 1828 in the Valley, then a part of Habersham  
186 County, and in 1857, White County was cut out of Habersham; gold mining companies were  
187 given permission by the Georgia Legislature in 1858 to put in hydraulic mining techniques  
188 in the Valley; and

189 WHEREAS, Governor Hardman acquired the Nichols-Hunnicut Hardman Estate with a  
190 home and the Cherokee Native American Burial Mound in the Nacoochee Valley in 1903,  
191 which is still one of the most photographed sites in Georgia; and

192 WHEREAS, massive timber companies operated in the Valley in the early twentieth century,  
193 and in the 1920s, the Smithsonian Museum excavated the Nacoochee Mound in the Valley  
194 and found Cherokee Native American artifacts; and

195 WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the City of Helen was regenerated and turned into an Alpine  
196 Village, bringing with it a huge influx of visitors to the Nacoochee Valley; and

197 WHEREAS, the Nacoochee Valley in White County with approximately 25,000 acres was  
198 added to the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior  
199 in 1980; in 1986, the Sautee Valley with 10,000 acres was added to the National Register of  
200 Historic Places; and

201 WHEREAS, the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association was then formed as a private,  
202 nonprofit organization with a mission to protect the Valley's preservation and is housed in  
203 a schoolhouse on the former Nacoochee Institute site; and

204 WHEREAS, the Sautee and Nacoochee Valleys were designated in the 1980s as one of the  
205 100 Best Small Arts Communities in the United States; and

206 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these historic areas and important  
207 locations be recognized by dedicating three roads in their honor.

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### **PART X**

209 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
210 enforcement officers with the passing of Sheriff Dewey George Seagraves; and

211 WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves was born in Madison County in 1906 and was a cotton farmer  
212 and part-time bailiff before he was elected to serve as sheriff of Madison County in 1950;  
213 and

214 WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to protecting and serving the citizens of Madison County  
215 from 1950 until his retirement in 1972, with his tenure as sheriff standing as the longest in  
216 the county's history; and



217 WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves was known as a "people's sheriff," often going above and  
218 beyond the call of duty to provide assistance and a helping hand; and

219 WHEREAS, a fair but firm man, he was known to bring someone home who had done wrong  
220 instead of placing them in jail, giving them a stern warning and life lesson; and

221 WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,  
222 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and it is abundantly fitting  
223 and proper that an intersection is named in his memory.

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#### **PART XI**

225 WHEREAS, a historic natural landmark, Currahee Mountain is the first mountain in the  
226 Appalachian Range and was designated the edge of the western frontier of America in 1784;  
227 and

228 WHEREAS, "Currahee" is a Cherokee Indian word meaning "stands alone"; and

229 WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain was the site chosen as the home of Camp Toccoa, the  
230 World War II training camp for paratroopers; and

231 WHEREAS, beginning in 1942, Camp Toccoa was the training site for more than 17,000  
232 paratroopers from the 501st, 506th, 511th, and 517th parachute infantry divisions; and

233 WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain served as a backdrop for films, documentaries, and books  
234 about the 6,000 "Toccoa Men" who successfully completed paratrooper training, including  
235 *Band of Brothers*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and *The Dirty Dozen*; and

236 WHEREAS, "Currahee" was the battle cry for the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and

237 WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain is home of the legendary "3 miles up, 3 miles down"  
238 training run; and

239 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a parkway be dedicated to honor the rich  
240 history and tradition of this location.

241 **PART XII**

242 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law  
243 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Bobby Mathis on December 28,  
244 2015; and

245 WHEREAS, a native of Talbot County, Georgia, Trooper Mathis served as a member of the  
246 Executive Detail of the Georgia State Patrol; and

247 WHEREAS, Trooper Mathis devoted countless hours to protecting Governor Nathan Deal  
248 and the first family, always with a warm attitude and friendly smile and demeanor; and

249 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine  
250 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

251 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
252 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his honor.

253 **PART XIII**

254 WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted  
255 original worshipers of Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing  
256 a rich tradition and history; and

257 WHEREAS, organized in Rockmart, Georgia, in 1866, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church  
258 is recognized by the Paulding County Historical Society as the oldest African American  
259 church in Paulding County; and

260 WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of  
261 constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through  
262 open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

263 WHEREAS, currently led by Reverend Cord Franklin, Sr., Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist  
264 Church has grown under the divine direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing  
265 the Word of God to spread throughout the community; and

266 WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church has hosted town hall meetings to  
267 strengthen ties between the community and law enforcement, has held clothing drives, and  
268 has conducted quality of life seminars; and

269 WHEREAS, the members of Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church have a sincere desire to  
270 serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

271 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated to honor the rich  
272 history and tradition of this church.

273 **PART XIV**

274 WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett Stovall is a national social change trailblazer, influential political  
275 strategist, and entrepreneur who has become a well-known leader in Atlanta; and

276 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall was born June 5, 1940, in Atlanta, Georgia, the sixth of 12 children,  
277 to the beloved Crowder and Mandie Florence Dodson Stovall; and

278 WHEREAS, he spent his youth in the historic Pittsburgh community and was educated in the  
279 Atlanta public school system at W.H. Crogman Elementary and Luther Judson Price High  
280 schools; and

281 WHEREAS, his accomplishments and dedication to communities on the south side of  
282 Atlanta and in surrounding areas span over five decades; and

283 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall began his work as a community and political dynamo where he  
284 championed economic and educational equality; he organized the restructuring of the Fulton  
285 County and Georgia Young Democrats to engage young people across Georgia in the  
286 political process, earning him the Young Man of the Year Community Service Award; and

287 WHEREAS, he was a special advisor to Atlanta Mayor Maynard H. Jackson for 12 years  
288 where he spearheaded engagement programs, housing opportunities, youth leadership  
289 programs, summer jobs, and the first Atlanta city-wide Christmas party which collectively  
290 serviced over 20,000 metro Atlanta residents; and

291 WHEREAS, he served as a founding committee member of the building of the Coca-Cola  
292 Lakewood Amphitheatre and a founding member of the Lakewood Oversight Committee,  
293 which established the Lakewood Finance Committee that funds surrounding communities  
294 of the Lakewood Amphitheatre; and

295 WHEREAS, this tireless community servant was instrumental in securing \$1.5 million to  
296 build Carver YMCA and served on the City of Atlanta Empowerment Zone Committee, on

297 the official planning committee for the Summerhill Reunion, and as Neighborhood Planning  
298 Unit-Y Chairperson; and he served and founded numerous community organizations and  
299 athletic programs; and

300 WHEREAS, he also served on the City of Atlanta Community Relations Board where he led  
301 the Atlanta Braves' Good Neighbor Program, which provided services for over 40,000 metro  
302 Atlanta residents; and

303 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall served as President or member of the Parent Teacher Association  
304 for several schools over the span of a decade, demonstrating his commitment to the education  
305 of his daughters; and

306 WHEREAS, in 1986, he and his wife, Nancy, started L&N Sales, which later became  
307 Stovall's T-shirts, a commercial printing company that held contracts with more than 100  
308 national and international businesses and organizations; and

309 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall founded the retail operations firm, Stovall Enterprises, in 1990,  
310 which managed the logistical and retail operations of the 1996 Olympic Games and many  
311 retail operations; the firm has achieved gross sales of well over \$30 million and employed  
312 over 1,000 people; he also co-founded YSS Cleaning Services which employed thousands  
313 of metro Atlanta residents for projects at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium; and

314 WHEREAS, he is the co-founder, served as president for ten years, and is currently the  
315 president emeritus of the Big Red Homecoming Reunion, an annual event which reunites  
316 over 1,500 alumni of L.J. Price Middle School on school grounds to perform community  
317 service work; and

318 WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall married Nancy Cater Stovall in 1964 and has three daughters and  
319 seven grandchildren; he studied business management and was a football starter at Fort  
320 Valley State College; he is a deacon and lifelong member of Holy Temple Baptist Church,  
321 Paradise Church of God in Christ, and Abundant Life Church of God in Christ; and

322 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Bro. Stovall," he is a member of the International  
323 Masons & Eastern Stars, the founder of and past Worshipful Master for King James Lodge  
324 #121 and Eldrin Bell Lodge #155, past Worshipful Master for William V. Banks Lodge  
325 #104, and a 32nd degree Shriner; and

326 WHEREAS, he is a family man and has a heart for the people as an avid community  
327 organizer, networker, liaison, vocal and action leader, mentor, motivator, willing supporter,  
328 uplifter, and encourager of people no matter their economic hardship or status; and

329 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
330 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge  
331 in his honor.

332 **PART XV**

333 WHEREAS, Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr., demonstrated a deep personal commitment to  
334 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to  
335 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

336 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
337 States military, valiantly and courageously serving in the Korean War; and

338 WHEREAS, a graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Mr. Mathews established  
339 the Watson-Mathews Funeral Home and an ambulance service in Montezuma, Georgia; and

340 WHEREAS, he assisted members of the community during times of need and sorrow for  
341 more than 40 years and owned and operated Mathews Memorials and Vault Company; and

342 WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews served as county coroner, a Master of Traveler's Rest Lodge #65  
343 F&M, and a member and president of the Montezuma Kiwanis Club, Macon County Housing  
344 Authority, American Legion Post #124, and VFW Post #6442; and

345 WHEREAS, he was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Al Sihah Shrine  
346 Center, National Funeral Directors Association, Georgia Academy of Graduate Embalmers,  
347 and Georgia Funeral Directors Association; and

348 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Mathews was a member of Montezuma  
349 United Methodist Church and the Baracca Sunday School Class; and

350 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
351 American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

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**PART XVI**

353 WHEREAS, Mr. Colquitt George "C.G." Russell was widely recognized for the vital role  
354 that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens  
355 of Georgia; and

356 WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Camden County, Georgia, Mr. Russell was educated in  
357 the Camden County School System and attended business school in Jacksonville, Florida;  
358 and

359 WHEREAS, he owned and operated Russell Chevrolet-Buick in Kingsland from 1932 to  
360 1984 and served as United States Postmaster for the city from 1936 to 1943; and

361 WHEREAS, Mr. Russell was a member of the Kingsland Methodist Church, Kingsland  
362 Lion's Club, Kingsland Masonic Lodge, Civil Air Patrol, and Quiet Birdmen Pilot Society;  
363 and

364 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
365 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
366 dramatically by his superlative service with the Camden County Board of Commissioners;  
367 and

368 WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Russell was instrumental in  
369 the approval of five interchanges for the county during the construction of Interstate 95 and  
370 the approval for an increased height for the bridge over St. Mary's River, which was critical  
371 to allow large boat access to protected waters during hurricanes and other storms; and

372 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
373 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

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**PART XVII**

375 WHEREAS, Mr. Jesse Rouse served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
376 the United States Armed Forces; and

377 WHEREAS, a leader in Lincoln County, Mr. Rouse served as president of the Twilight  
378 Improvement Association, a clearing-house for the presentation, review, and study of  
379 problems facing the citizens of Lincoln County, Georgia; and

380 WHEREAS, under Mr. Rouse's leadership and guidance, the Twilight Improvement  
381 Association received federal funds for emergency food and medical services for residents of  
382 Lincoln County; and

383 WHEREAS, Mr. Rouse organized a senior citizens program and established a transportation  
384 program for senior citizens in the county; and

385 WHEREAS, he was responsible for acquiring scholarship funding for six local college  
386 students and organized several voter registration drives and voter forums; and

387 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
388 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

389 **PART XVIII**

390 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
391 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
392 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

393 WHEREAS, veterans of the Vietnam War demonstrated a deep personal commitment to  
394 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort  
395 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

396 WHEREAS, these brave men and women served as guardians of this nation's freedom and  
397 liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in  
398 order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

399 WHEREAS, it is important that Vietnam veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this  
400 nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of  
401 the United States; and

402 WHEREAS, these individuals embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
403 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the  
404 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished  
405 Americans be honored appropriately.

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**PART XIX**

407 WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Dykes was widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital  
408 role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
409 citizens of Georgia; and

410 WHEREAS, a native of Toombs County, Georgia, Mr. Dykes graduated from Toombs  
411 County High School; and

412 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
413 States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting Americans during World War II; and

414 WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes built the first grocery store in Hinesville in 1948 and was the  
415 co-owner of D and D supermarket on Jekyll Island; and

416 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to his  
417 constituents as a member of the Georgia State Senate, ably and adeptly representing the  
418 people of the 2nd District, and for 12 years as Mayor of Hinesville; and

419 WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, the City of Hinesville enjoyed a period of stability  
420 during an explosive growth in population; and

421 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were invaluable to several local organizations,  
422 including the American Legion Post 168, Knights of Pythias, and the Lions Club of  
423 Hinesville; and

424 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
425 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

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**PART XX**

427 WHEREAS, in the mid-1940s, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lex McLarry purchased an  
428 establishment located along a near 90-degree curve at the intersection of Old Sunbury Road  
429 and U.S. Highway 84/State Route 38 in Flemington, Georgia; and

430 WHEREAS, the structure, dubbed McLarry's, was a combination café and service station  
431 well before 'self-service' became any everyday term; eventually a lube rack and car wash  
432 station were added to the building; and



433 WHEREAS, for years, McLarry's was the place for local citizens to gather for a bite to eat,  
434 fill up their motor vehicle with gasoline, discuss the latest news or gossip, or exchange tall  
435 tales of fishing or hunting expeditions; and

436 WHEREAS, with swiveling stools at the counter, juke boxes affixed to each table, and a hot  
437 grill serving fresh hamburgers, McLarry's was the locale for everything from an after-game  
438 victory gathering of local high school football fans and players to a venue for local attorneys  
439 to meet and discuss strategies; and

440 WHEREAS, a humble establishment on a huge curve in the road, McLarry's proudly served  
441 patrons for 25 years before closing its doors; and

442 WHEREAS, though McLarry's is no longer in business, locals still refer to the curve just  
443 outside Fort Stewart as McLarry's Curve and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this road  
444 be dedicated to honor this rich history and tradition.

445 **PART XXI**

446 WHEREAS, Mr. James Slaton "Jay" Shaw was widely recognized by the citizens of this state  
447 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
448 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

449 WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw attended Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College before establishing  
450 The Jay Shaw Company, a real estate and insurance agency focused on providing financial  
451 support and involvement for communities in and around his hometown of Lakeland, Georgia;  
452 and

453 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to his  
454 constituents as a member of the House of Representatives for 17 years as a representative for  
455 House District 176 and chairman of the community health subcommittee for the House  
456 Committee on Appropriations; and

457 WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw served as mayor of Lakeland for ten years, a position in which his  
458 leadership and diplomacy were instrumental in advancing the city's position in the region and  
459 preserving Banks Lake as a historic landmark; and

460 WHEREAS, he served on the State Transportation Board from 2010 to 2015 and led the  
461 board as chairman in 2013; and

462 WHEREAS, during his time serving this state, Mr. Shaw focused on advancing healthcare  
463 in rural areas, improving Georgia's transportation system, and promoting balance and  
464 positive reform; and

465 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Shaw was a trustee and board member of  
466 Unity United Methodist Church; and

467 WHEREAS, his legacy lives on through his wife of 45 years, Libby Shaw; his devoted sons  
468 and daughters-in-law, Jason, Sam, Katy, and Christa; and his adoring grandchildren, Jenna,  
469 Brady, Anne Harvey, and Slaton; and

470 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this  
471 distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

472 **PART XXII**

473 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished  
474 citizens with the passing of Mr. Robert Keith Futch on January 26, 1980; and

475 WHEREAS, Mr. Futch was born on January 31, 1959, in Nashville, Georgia, the beloved son  
476 of Lace and Britta Futch; and

477 WHEREAS, he grew up in Willacoochee, Georgia, where, as a small child, he loved  
478 spending time on the river, hunting, and fishing; and

479 WHEREAS, affectionately known by family and friends as "Mullet," Mr. Futch was a stellar  
480 athlete in high school, where he played softball and football and demonstrated great  
481 leadership as a member of Future Farmers of America; and

482 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United  
483 States Navy; and

484 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
485 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

486 **PART XXIII**

487 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert T. Bussey was born on January 28, 1947, in Waycross, Georgia; and

488 WHEREAS, a graduate of Center High School, Dr. Bussey earned a bachelor's degree from  
489 Morris Brown College, a master's degree from Valdosta State University, and a doctoral  
490 degree from Nova Southeastern University; and

491 WHEREAS, Dr. Bussey dedicated his career to inspiring and educating the future leaders of  
492 this state as a teacher at Ava Street School, a principal at Center Junior High School, and  
493 a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at Waycross High School; and

494 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental in his work with the League of  
495 Professional Schools, Ware County Children and Youth Council, the Department of  
496 Educational Leadership at Valdosta State University, Partners in Education, Ware County  
497 American Heart Association, 100 Black Men of Southeast Georgia, Leadership 21, and the  
498 Ware County Chamber of Commerce; and

499 WHEREAS, during his prestigious 36-year career in education, Dr. Bussey was recognized  
500 with numerous honors and accolades, including the Katherine A. Foss Educator of the Year  
501 Award and Metlife/NASSP State 2003 Principal of the Year Award; and

502 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
503 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

504 **PART XXIV**

505 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put  
506 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the  
507 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

508 WHEREAS, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith demonstrated a deep personal  
509 commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety  
510 and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

511 WHEREAS, he was injured in a terrorist attack on the Navy Operational Support Center in  
512 Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, and died from his injuries; and

513 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the Navy  
514 for his selfless display of bravery and sacrifice; and

515 WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in  
516 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable  
517 and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his  
518 memory.

519 **PART XXV**

520 WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Cathey is widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital  
521 role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the  
522 citizens of Georgia; and

523 WHEREAS, a native of Mountain City, Georgia, Mr. Cathey was a dedicated farmer who  
524 operated an apple orchard which had been in his family for 100 years; and

525 WHEREAS, he operated the Valley Pharmacy in Dillard, Georgia, for 43 years, where he  
526 was a pillar of the community; and

527 WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey dedicated his time, talents, and efforts to his community and this  
528 state through his work with the Rabun County Board of Education, the board of directors for  
529 Regions Bank in Clayton, the advisory committee for the Federal Land Bank, and the North  
530 Georgia Technical School Foundation; and

531 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
532 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

533 **PART XXVI**

534 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
535 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Highway 129 over Ivy Log Creek in  
536 Blairsville is dedicated as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

537 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that Highway 114 from Lyerly, Georgia,  
538 to the Alabama state line is dedicated as the Generals Gayler & Johnson Highway.

539 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Highway 41  
540 and Georgia Highway 151 in Catoosa County is dedicated as the L. Wesley Smith Memorial  
541 Intersection.

542 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that US 278/Ponce de Leon Avenue from  
543 the intersection with Piedmont Avenue to the intersection with State Route 10/Freedom  
544 Parkway in Fulton County is dedicated as the Walt Frazier Highway.

545 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Battlefield  
546 Parkway and Highway 41 in Catoosa County is dedicated as the Private Lonnie S. Rhinehart  
547 Memorial Intersection.

548 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Battlefield  
549 Parkway and Lakeshore Drive in Catoosa County is dedicated as the U.S. Navy Petty Officer  
550 Randall Smith Memorial Intersection.

551 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Cove Road and  
552 Camp Road in Walker County is dedicated as the PFC Charles W. Bradshaw Memorial  
553 Intersection.

554 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 8/State  
555 Route 10 over Lullwater Creek in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Michael Polak Bridge.

556 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia 255 North  
557 from Georgia 17 to Covered Bridge Road, the portion of Georgia 17 from Joe Brown Pike  
558 Bridge to Helen Highway, and the portion of Helen Highway from Dukes Creek Crossing  
559 to 7300 Helen Highway in White County are dedicated as the Sautee Nacoochee Arts and  
560 Heritage District.

561 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 29/State Route  
562 8/General Daniels Avenue and State Route 98/Comer Road in Madison County is dedicated  
563 as the Sheriff Dewey G. Seagraves Intersection.

564 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 17 from the  
565 intersection with Interstate 85 to the intersection with Interstate 985 in Stephens, Franklin,  
566 and Habersham counties is dedicated as the Currahee Parkway.

567 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Highway  
568 80/State Route 22 and Drane Matthews Road/George Smith Road in Talbot County is  
569 dedicated as the Trooper Bobby Mathis Memorial Intersection.

570 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 101 from  
571 the intersection with State Route 120/Buchanan Highway north to the Paulding County line  
572 is dedicated as the Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church Highway.

573 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 75 at the  
574 University Avenue exit in Fulton County is dedicated as the Lovett Stovall Bridge.

575 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 224 from  
576 the intersection with State Route 90/Spalding Road to the intersection with East Railroad  
577 Street in Macon County is dedicated as the Walter M. Mathews, Jr., Memorial Highway.

578 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at the State Route 40  
579 and Interstate 95 exit in Camden County is dedicated as the Colquitt George "C.G." Russell  
580 Memorial Interchange.

581 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 79 over  
582 Fishing Creek in Lincoln County is dedicated as the Jesse Rouse Memorial Bridge.

583 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 10/U.S.78  
584 from the intersection of State Route 383 to the interchange of State Route 415 in Richmond  
585 County is dedicated as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Parkway.

586 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 38  
587 Connector/General Screven Way from U.S. Highway 84/State Route 38/State Route 196 to  
588 the gates of Fort Stewart Military Base in Liberty County is dedicated as the Carl Dykes  
589 Memorial Way.

590 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 84/State  
591 Route 38 from mile post 8.30 to mile post 8.55 in Liberty County is dedicated as McLarry's  
592 Curve.

593 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 22/State  
594 Route 31 from the intersection of State Route 11 and State Route 31 in Lakeland to the  
595 intersection of State Route 7 and State Route 31 in Valdosta in Lowndes County is dedicated  
596 as the James Slaton "Jay" Shaw Memorial Highway.

597 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 135/S.  
598 Peterson Street at the Alapaha River Overflow, 3 miles south of Willacoochee, Georgia, at  
599 mile 0.27 in Atkinson County is dedicated as the Robert Keith Futch Memorial Bridge.

600 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 84/S.R. 38/Victory  
601 Drive in Waycross, Georgia, from the intersection with U.S. 1/U.S. 23/U.S. 82/U.S. 84/S.R.  
602 4/S.R. 38/S.R. 52/S. Georgia Parkway to the intersection with Wadley Road and Glenmore  
603 Avenue in Ware County is dedicated as the Dr. Robert T. Bussey Parkway.

604 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Battlefield  
605 Parkway and Lakeshore Drive in Catoosa County is dedicated as the U.S. Navy Petty Officer  
606 Randall Smith Memorial Intersection.

607 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 441/U.S. 23/S.R.  
608 15 from the southern city limits of Mountain City northward to the boundary line between  
609 Georgia and North Carolina is dedicated as the Frank Cathey Memorial Highway.

610 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
611 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this  
612 resolution.

613 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
614 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of  
615 Transportation; to the family of Mr. L. Wesley Smith; Private Lonnie S. Rhinehart; U.S.  
616 Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith; Private First Class Charles W. Bradshaw;  
617 Sheriff Dewey George Seagraves; Trooper Bobby Mathis; Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr.; Mr.  
618 Colquitt George "C.G." Russell; Mr. Jesse Rouse; Mr. Carl Dykes; Mr. James Slaton "Jay"  
619 Shaw; Mr. Robert Keith Futch; Dr. Robert T. Bussey; U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class  
620 Randall Smith; and Mr. Frank Cathey; and to Major General William "Bill" K. Gayler;  
621 Brigadier General John "Pete" P. Johnson; Mr. Walter Frazier, Jr.; Mr. Michael Polak; Mt.  
622 Olivet Missionary Baptist Church; and Mr. Lovett Stovall.