

Senate Resolution 942

By: Senators Davenport of the 44th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Tate of the 38th, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mrs. Annie Lois Freeman Souder and dedicating a bridge in her
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Annie Lois Freeman Souder was born in Jonesboro, Georgia, on
4 June 23, 1912, a beloved daughter to Eddie Robert and Viola Freeman; and

5 WHEREAS, Mrs. Souder attended Clayton County schools and graduated from Booker T.
6 Washington High School; and

7 WHEREAS, she earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Fort Valley State
8 College and dedicated 44 years to challenging and uplifting the future leaders of this state
9 as an educator with the Clayton County School System; and

10 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Souder was a devoted member of
11 Shiloh Baptist Church and later joined Andrews Chapel United Methodist Church, where she
12 served as a Sunday school teacher, senior choir member, and vacation Bible school teacher
13 and was active with the United Methodist Women, Prison Ministry, and Children's
14 Ministries; and

15 WHEREAS, her leadership and guidance were invaluable to numerous organizations,
16 including the Busy Bee Senior Citizens Club, Senior Citizens of Clayton County, Clayton
17 County Education Association, Georgia Teachers Education Association, Georgia
18 Association of Educators, and National Education Association; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
20 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on McDonough Road at the Norfolk Southern
23 Railroad in Clayton County is dedicated as the Annie Lois Freeman Souder Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Annie Lois Freeman Souder
26 Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
28 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mrs.
29 Annie Lois Freeman Souder and to the Department of Transportation.