

House Resolution 1161

By: Representatives Wiedower of the 119th and Gaines of the 117th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James Oscar Hardigree, Jr., and dedicating a road in his memory;
2 and for other purposes.

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, Mr. James Oscar Hardigree, Jr., demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
7 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to
8 ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

9 WHEREAS, this brave man served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty,
10 attaining the rank of Technician Fifth Grade (T/5) and valiantly protecting the people and
11 ideals of the United States during World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, a native of Oconee County, Georgia, T/5 Hardigree made the ultimate sacrifice
13 for this nation after he was mortally wounded during combat in Italy on May 31, 1944; and

14 WHEREAS, T/5 Hardigree demonstrated selfless service to this nation, and his unyielding
15 commitment was recognized with a Purple Heart; and

16 WHEREAS, T/5 Hardigree embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
17 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable
18 and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 15 from mile marker 6 to mile
21 marker 8 in Oconee County is dedicated as the T/5 James Oscar Hardigree, Jr., U.S. Army
22 WWII Memorial Highway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the T/5 James Oscar Hardigree,
25 Jr., U.S. Army WWII Memorial Highway.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Mr. James Oscar Hardigree, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.