

House Resolution 1218

By: Representative Houston of the 170th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James Edward Giddens and dedicating a road in his memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. James Edward Giddens on February 11, 1976;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens was born on November 6, 1946, in Nashville, Georgia, the beloved
7 son of Lucille Boyd and William Howard Giddens; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens began his prestigious career in law enforcement as a Lowndes
9 County deputy sheriff before assuming the role of chief of police for Ray City in 1975; and

10 WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short when he lost his life in the line of duty while
11 pulling over the vehicle of a robbery suspect; and

12 WHEREAS, during his years as chief of police, Mr. Giddens was highly regarded by the
13 citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of
14 unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Giddens exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
16 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and
17 proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
18 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 64 from the city limit of Ray
21 City to the Berrien County border is dedicated as the James Edward Giddens Memorial
22 Highway.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the James Edward Giddens
25 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 Edward Giddens and to the Department of Transportation.