

House Resolution 1281

By: Representative Tanner of the 9th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Dedicating Thunder Road; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Scenic Route 9 in Dawson County, Georgia, was once known as Thunder Road
3 and was used by moonshine runners to haul liquor to Atlanta; and
- 4 WHEREAS, Dawsonville, Georgia, is known as the "Moonshine Capital of Georgia"; and
- 5 WHEREAS, during the Prohibition Era, moonshine was made and sold to buyers in Atlanta
6 and 'trippers' from Dawsonville made a living by hauling moonshine down Highway 9; and
- 7 WHEREAS, trippers were known to modify cars to make them faster and out of necessity
8 to outrun enforcement agents known as 'revenuers' who were tasked with enforcing
9 prohibition laws; and
- 10 WHEREAS, driving and engineering skills honed by trippers would eventually evolve into
11 one of America's favorite pastimes, NASCAR; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Dawsonville is the hometown for many racing legends, including Lloyd Seay,
13 Gober Sosebee, Raymond Parks, Roy Hall, Bernard Long, and Red Vogt; and
- 14 WHEREAS, some of NASCAR's most popular drivers are from Dawsonville, including Bill
15 and Chase Elliott; and
- 16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated to honor the rich
17 history and tradition of Thunder Road.
- 18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 9 from the Dawson County line
20 to the intersection with Highway 53 in Dawson County is dedicated as Thunder Road.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating Thunder Road.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
24 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the
25 Department of Transportation.