

House Resolution 1325

By: Representative Jasperse of the 11th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mr. Jeff Downing and dedicating an intersection in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Jeff Downing has long been recognized by the citizens of Pickens County
4 and this state for the vital leadership role that he has played in his community and the
5 supermarket industry; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing began his grocery career in the tenth grade, working his way up
7 to leadership positions for Big Star Food Markets and A&P; and

8 WHEREAS, in 2002, Mr. Downing and his wife Sandy opened and operated Foothills IGA
9 in Marble Hill, Georgia, until his retirement in 2023; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing has earned many professional awards, including the IGA 2015
11 USA International Retailer of the Year award and the Georgia Food Industry Association's
12 2015 Legacy Award; and

13 WHEREAS, he has served in leadership positions in a number of philanthropic
14 organizations, including the Pickens County Chamber of Commerce, Good Samaritan Health

15 and Wellness Center, CARES food bank, Rotary Club, Hope House, Pickens Ferst
16 Foundation for Childhood Literacy, Georgia Food Industry Association, and the Georgia
17 Food Industry Education Foundation; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Downing was named 2014 Pickens County Citizen of the Year in honor of
19 his leadership and his service to the community; and

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

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
23 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 53 and Steve Tate Highway
24 in Pickens County is dedicated as the Jeff Downing Intersection.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Jeff Downing Intersection.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
29 Mr. Jeff Downing and to the Department of Transportation.