

House Resolution 1334

By: Representatives Bonner of the 73rd, Mathiak of the 74th, Bazemore of the 69th, Clark of the 100th, and Cannon of the 172nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom and dedicating a bridge in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most noble,
4 patriotic, and selfless citizens with the passing of Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom on
5 October 30, 2023; and

6 WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was born on December 20, 1928, in Monroe, Georgia, a
7 beloved son of Jamie and Mamie Malcom; and

8 WHEREAS, during his 29 years of distinguished service to the United States Army, he
9 demonstrated unwavering commitment and bravery in staff and command positions
10 throughout the United States and Europe as well as during combat tours in Korea and
11 Vietnam and was recalled many times to active duty as a result of his highly important and
12 relevant operations in North Korea; and

13 WHEREAS, his final position on active duty as garrison commander of three United States
14 Army installations and his induction into the Georgia Military Hall of Fame in 2020 stand
15 as testament to his outstanding leadership and service; and

16 WHEREAS, Colonel Malcom was further recognized through numerous awards and
17 decorations, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Aviation Badge, Airborne Badge, four
18 awards of the Legion of Merit, and the Combat Infantryman's Badge—the first Special
19 Forces soldier to ever receive this honor; and

20 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service and the will to find meaning in something
21 greater than himself and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and
22 distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 54 over Whitewater Creek in
25 Fayette County is dedicated as the Colonel Ben Malcom Memorial Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Colonel Ben Malcom
28 Memorial Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Colonel Benjamin Studdard Malcom and to the Department of Transportation.