

House Resolution 1347

By: Representative Gasaway of the 28th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. J. Marion Thomason and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 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. J. Marion Thomason was born in Toccoa, Georgia, on June 27, 1926, the
7 beloved son of Gartrell and Lou Ella Thomason; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Toccoa High School, he served as a guardian of this nation's
9 freedom and liberty with the United States Army 8th Air Force, valiantly and courageously
10 defending America during World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, he earned a degree in civil engineering from Clemson Agricultural College and
12 began his distinguished career in the civil engineering program of the State Highway
13 Department; and

14 WHEREAS, after many years of service with the state, Mr. Thomason joined Tugalo
15 Construction Company, where he served as a partner until his retirement; and

16 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Thomason was an active member of First
17 Baptist Church of Toccoa, where he served as a deacon and participated in several mission
18 trips; and

19 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous organizations,
20 including the Lions Club, Stephens County Food Bank, Georgia Mountain Regional
21 Development Center, and Toccoa Masonic Lodge; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
23 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 17 from GA 123 to Rose Lane
26 in Stephens County is dedicated as the J. Marion Thomason Memorial Highway.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the J. Marion Thomason
29 Memorial Highway.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
32 family of Mr. J. Marion Thomason and to the Department of Transportation.