

House Resolution 1357

By: Representative Fleming of the 114<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of Lt. Col., Ret., Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens  
2 Christian and dedicating a roundabout in their memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Lt. Col., Ret., Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian  
4 were high school sweethearts at Newton County High School and pillars of their community  
5 in Oxford, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Lt. Col. Benjamin Fred Christian served as a guardian of this nation's freedom  
7 and liberty with the Georgia National Guard for 34 years as a rescue pilot, logging over  
8 10,000 hours of flight time and flying a UH-1 Huey helicopter; and

9 WHEREAS, Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian graduated from Piedmont Nursing School and  
10 worked for several physicians' offices in Covington, Georgia; with Newton General Hospital;  
11 and later with Amedisys Home Health Care, where she was also the director of nurses; and

12 WHEREAS, a couple with deep and abiding faith, Lt. Col. and Mrs. Christian were active  
13 members of Gum Creek Presbyterian Church; and

14 WHEREAS, they loved to travel and spend time with family and friends at their lake house  
15 on Jackson Lake, and these generous and kind souls are sorely missed by all who had the  
16 great fortune of knowing them, especially their beloved children and grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
18 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in their memory.

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the roundabout of State Route 36 and State Route 212 in  
21 Newton County is dedicated as the LTC Benjamin Fred and Sandra Kitchens Christian  
22 Roundabout.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the LTC Benjamin Fred and  
25 Sandra Kitchens Christian Roundabout.

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 Lt. Col., Ret., Benjamin Fred Christian and Mrs. Sandra Kitchens Christian and the  
29 Department of Transportation.