

House Resolution 1358

By: Representatives Buckner of the 137th, Hugley of the 141st, Smith of the 138th, and Reese of the 140th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., and dedicating a
2 roundabout in his honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., was born on December 8, 1926, in Tifton, Georgia,
4 and graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and received his
5 commission as an infantry officer in 1949; and

6 WHEREAS, he was assigned to occupation duty in Okinawa, Japan, where he volunteered
7 for the Eighth Army Ranger Company, which was formed shortly after the Korean Conflict
8 began in 1950; and

9 WHEREAS, he was recognized with a Distinguished Service Cross for his bravery and
10 leadership when, while leading the company as commander, the company was overrun after
11 six counterattacks and, despite being severely injured, Colonel Puckett insisted on continuing
12 to serve active duty; and

13 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Colonel Puckett became the national program
14 coordinator of Outward Bound, Inc., and subsequently established Discovery, Inc., a
15 leadership and teamwork development program that focused on "Personal Growth through
16 Safe Adventure"; and

17 WHEREAS, Colonel Puckett was an inaugural inductee into the U.S. Army Ranger Hall of
18 Fame, served as the first honorary colonel of the 75th Ranger Regiment from 1996 to 2006,
19 served as an ambassador of goodwill by the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security
20 Cooperation, and was a recipient of the U.S. Army Infantry's Doughboy Award; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
22 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in his memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the roundabout of State Route 219 and Bradley Park Drive
25 in Muscogee County is dedicated as the Medal of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr.
26 Roundabout.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Medal of Honor Recipient
29 Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr. Roundabout.

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 Medal
32 of Honor Recipient Colonel Ralph Puckett, Jr., and the Department of Transportation.