

House Resolution 1417

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58<sup>th</sup> and Bell of the 75<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Dr. Roy Charles Bell and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Roy Charles Bell was born in North Little Rock, Arkansas, on August 31,  
4 1926, and graduated from Howard University and Howard University Dental School; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Bell was one of the first African Americans to practice dentistry in Atlanta  
6 and in 1964 he filed a lawsuit that led to the end of segregation of the Georgia Dental  
7 Association and, subsequently, the American Dental Association; and

8 WHEREAS, a leader during the Civil Rights movement, Dr. Bell served as a special projects  
9 coordinator for the Southern Christian Leadership Conference; and

10 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
11 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

12 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
13 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Interstate 85/Interstate 75 over Edgewood

14 Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the Dr. Roy Charles Bell Memorial  
15 Bridge.

16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
17 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Roy Charles Bell  
18 Memorial Bridge.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
20 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
21 family of Dr. Roy Charles Bell and to the Department of Transportation.