House Resolution 144 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representative Williams of the 145th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for an effective date; and
- 2 for other purposes.
- 3 PART I
- 4 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Ms.
- 5 Kathryn Poff; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Ms. Poff was a highly respected educator at Creekside Elementary School,
- 7 dedicating her time, talents, and energy to challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this
- 8 state as a music teacher; and
- 9 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
- 10 for others, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to her students
- 11 were admired by others; and
- 12 WHEREAS, she was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
- 13 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example she made of her life,
- she made this world a better place in which to live; and

15 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished

16 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

17 PART II

- 18 WHEREAS, Mrs. Judy Hill Loftin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
- 19 the vital role that she has played in education and her deep personal commitment to inspiring
- and shaping the young minds of Georgia; and
- 21 WHEREAS, the great-granddaughter of local historical figure Mr. Carter Hill,
- 22 Mrs. Loftin was born and raised on a homestead on Punkin Junction Road and attended
- 23 Barrow County schools; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mrs. Loftin diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her
- 25 time, talents, and energy challenging and inspiring the future leaders of this state as an
- 26 educator with the Barrow County School System for 30 years; and
- 27 WHEREAS, she served as guidance counselor at Winder Barrow Middle School, Winder
- 28 Barrow High School, and Bramblett Elementary School; and
- 29 WHEREAS, a licensed professional counselor, Mrs. Loftin was a member of the American
- 30 School Counselors Association and the Georgia School Counselors Association; and
- 31 WHEREAS, Mrs. Loftin's commitment to education was recognized with numerous honors
- 32 and accolades, including Middle School Counselor of the Year for District Nine and Middle
- 33 School Counselor of the Year for the State of Georgia in 2003; and

34 WHEREAS, she was an active member of Alpha Delta Kappa, National Association of

- 35 Educators, Georgia Association of Educators, the Pilot Club of Winder and the Winder
- Women's Club, and Barrow Regional Medical Center Auxiliary and served as trustee for the
- 37 Barrow County Historical Society and as a Barrow County Museum docent; and
- 38 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Mrs. Loftin was a 35 year member of the
- 39 Winder First United Methodist Church where she led the children's choir, taught fifth grade
- 40 Sunday school, and contributed to the women's circles of the church; and
- 41 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
- 42 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.
- 43 PART III
- 44 WHEREAS, Mr. Cecil Mathews was known in Ellijay, Georgia, for his innovation and
- 45 entrepreneurial spirit; and
- 46 WHEREAS, the son of parents with deep roots in Gilmer County, Mr. Mathews' wife,
- 47 Margaret, was a grocer, providing the local community with quality food and friendly
- 48 service; and
- 49 WHEREAS, he was passionate about fly fishing; an activity made even more enjoyable by
- 50 the abundance and beauty of the county's natural landscape and the majesty of Turniptown
- 51 Creek; and
- 52 WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews was in the lumber business his entire life, establishing his Ellijay
- sawmill in October of 1965 after operating other lumber businesses in the area for 15 years;
- 54 and

55 WHEREAS, on March 15, 1966, he completed a total electrification of the business, which

- 56 allowed for streamlining of production and an increase in lumber supply used in the
- 57 manufacture of furniture and flooring; and
- 58 WHEREAS, an innovative feat for its day, the electrification of Mathews' sawmill enabled
- 59 him to saw over 15,000 feet of lumber per day, with only the grading completed by hand; and
- 60 WHEREAS, his foresight contributed to the modernization of the lumber industry and
- attracted numerous other businesses to the Gilmer County area; and
- 62 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
- 63 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.
- 64 PART IV
- 65 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
- 66 citizens with the passing of Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks on January 3, 2019; and
- 67 WHEREAS, a native of Dacula, Georgia, Mayor Wilbanks was a graduate of the Gwinnett
- 68 County Public School System and the University of Georgia; and
- 69 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks was first elected to serve the citizens of Dacula in 1971, ably
- and adeptly serving for eight years; and
- 71 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were called upon again in 2002 when he was
- 72 re-elected as the mayor of Dacula, and he was serving his third term at the time of his
- 73 passing; and

74 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks served as president of the Gwinnett Municipal Association in

- 75 2007 and served as a member of the organization's Legislative Policy Committee; and
- 76 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks also served the people of this state through his employment
- vith the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief for more than 20 years;
- 78 and
- 79 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Wilbanks was an active member and
- 80 leader at Hebron Baptist Church; and
- 81 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
- 82 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.
- PART V
- 84 WHEREAS, Mrs. Dennette Odum Jackson has long been recognized by the citizens of this
- state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the
- 86 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 87 WHEREAS, Mrs. Jackson made history as the first African American councilwoman for the
- 88 City of Milledgeville with her election in 1992, a position she held for 12 years; and
- 89 WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time,
- 90 talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state as evidenced
- 91 dramatically by her 42 years of superlative service at Central State Hospital; and
- 92 WHEREAS, her significant organizational and leadership talents were invaluable to
- 93 numerous organizations such as the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, Oconee

94 Community Service Board, AARP, Georgia War Veterans Home Advisory Council, Georgia

- 95 American Legion Auxiliary, and the Baldwin County Board of Health; and
- 96 WHEREAS, her remarkable patience and diplomacy, her keen sense of vision, and her
- 97 sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state earned her the respect and admiration of
- 98 her colleagues and associates; and
- 99 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
- 100 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in her honor.

101 PART VI

- 102 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
- enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Probate Judge Jon Payne on August 18,
- 104 2020; and
- 105 WHEREAS, Judge Payne was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
- and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to
- 107 justice; and
- 108 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a probate judge in Chattooga County
- 109 for 45 years, winning a special election to fill the office of probate judge in 1975 at just
- 110 25 years old; and
- WHEREAS, prior to his passing, he oversaw the county's primary election with a smooth
- transition to the state's new voting machines; and

WHEREAS, Judge Payne exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding 113 114 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and 115 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his commitment to the integrity of democracy 116 and the safeguarding of this state's elections; and 117 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 118 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory. 119 **PART VII** 120 WHEREAS, Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley has long been recognized by the citizens of this 121 state for his leadership within First Baptist Church of Atlanta, and his deep personal 122 commitment to the welfare of all Georgians; and WHEREAS, he has passionately devoted his entire life to bettering his community and state 123 124 through ministry, as evidenced by his 51 year tenure as senior pastor of First Baptist Church 125 of Atlanta; and 126 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley was born and raised in Dry Fork, Virginia, and was called to 127 ministry at a young age; and

- 128 WHEREAS, after receiving a bachelor's degree from the University of Richmond,
- 129 Dr. Stanley went on to pursue a Master of Divinity from the Southwestern Baptist
- 130 Theological Seminary, and Master of Theology and Doctor of Theology degrees from Luther
- 131 Rice Seminary; and

132 WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley joined First Baptist Church of Atlanta in 1969 and was promoted 133 to senior pastor in 1971, after which he grew the church into a global television and radio 134 ministry, which is now known as In Touch Ministries; and 135 WHEREAS, In Touch Ministries has thrived under Dr. Stanley's leadership, as demonstrated by its translation into over 100 languages, availability on 204 satellite networks, and its 136 137 audience of listeners on over 450 radio stations; and 138 WHEREAS, in addition to authoring more than 60 books, Dr. Stanley has also achieved the 139 status of New York Times best-selling author; and 140 WHEREAS, he served two terms from 1984 to 1986 as president of the Southern Baptist 141 Convention, and is a 1988 inductee into the National Religious Broadcasters Hall of Fame; 142 and WHEREAS, Dr. Stanley is father to Becky Stanley, and to Andy Stanley, who serves as the 143 144 pastor of North Point Community Church in Alpharetta; and 145 WHEREAS, in September, 2020, Dr. Stanley announced his transition to pastor emeritus of 146 First Baptist Church of Atlanta after more than 50 years of service and dedication to the 147 gospel; and 148 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor. 149

150	PART VIII
151	WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
152	enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Sheriff Philip Street on November 27,
153	2020; and
154	WHEREAS, Sheriff Philip Street was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and
155	state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication
156	to the sound principles of law enforcement; and
157	WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as Dade County sheriff from 1984 to 2004,
158	longer than any sheriff in that county; and
159	WHEREAS, under his leadership as sheriff, his department received national recognition for
160	"Operation Sand Storm," which resulted in the arrests and convictions of drug traffickers
161	from Texas to Georgia; and
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162	WHEREAS, even after his service as sheriff ended, Sheriff Street's dedication to public
163	service and criminal justice was evident in his service as a supervisor and captain of the
164	Walker County Jail; and
165	WHEREAS, Sheriff Street exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding
166	loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and
100	loyarty, fine leadership, and medealous attention to detail in all of his duties, and
167	WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of
168	others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement
169	professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and
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WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished

171 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

172 **PART IX** 173 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of 174 Mr. Charles R. Lusk; and 175 WHEREAS, a graduate of Rossville High School in Walker County, Mr. Lusk diligently and 176 conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the 177 betterment of his community and state; and 178 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as president and CEO of both 179 Fort Oglethorpe State Bank and Rossville Bank; and 180 WHEREAS, his leadership and organizational talents were recognized with numerous 181 awards and accolades, including a Lifetime Service Award from the Community Bankers 182 Association of Georgia and Outstanding Chamber Member Award from the Walker County 183 Chamber of Commerce; and 184 WHEREAS, Mr. Lusk was an active board member of the Community Bankers Association 185 of Georgia, Independent Bankers Association of America, Walker and Catoosa County 186 Chamber of Commerce, and Greater Chattanooga Christian Services and Children's Home; 187 and WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 188 189 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

190	PART X
191	WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Sergeant
192	Henry "Gene" Mullis; and
193	WHEREAS, Sergeant Mullis was born on July 12, 1920, the beloved son of Henry and
194	Georgia Walker Mullis; and
195	WHEREAS, a graduate of Gordon Lee Memorial High School in Walker County, Sergeant
196	Mullis served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States Armed
197	Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting democratic ideals during World War II and the
198	Korean War; and
199	WHEREAS, during his military career, Sergeant Mullis was recognized with a Purple Heart
200	and two Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Clusters for valor; and
201	WHEREAS, Sergeant Mullis survived the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge
202	and served as the first walking postman for the City of Chickamauga; and
203	WHEREAS, a proud and loyal Gordon Lee Memorial trojan, Sergeant Mullis served as the
204	school's correspondent for athletics programs to the <i>Chattanooga Times</i> and the <i>Atlanta</i>
205	Journal, served as secretary and historian for the school's alumni association, and operated
206	the scoreboard at home basketball games for over 53 years; and
207	WHEREAS, his leadership and organizational talents were instrumental to numerous
208	organizations, including the American Legion Post 271, Older American Center, and Osburn
209	School Cemetery; and

210 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Sergeant was an active member and deacon 211 at the First Baptist Church in Chickamauga and was a devoted husband to Doris Avery 212 Greene Mullis and father to Lorie Gene Mullis, Senator Jeff Mullis, and Jerry Mullis; and 213 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory. 214 215 PART XI WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Henry 216 217 "Hank" Louis Aaron, Atlanta Braves legend and baseball's homerun king, who passed away 218 on January 22, 2021, at the age of 86; and 219 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama, on February 5, 1934, the third of

- WHEREAS, a Hall of Famer, Atlanta's first professional sports star, and, in a soft-spoken
- way, an agent of change in the post-Jim Crow South, Mr. Aaron came to embody Atlanta as
- 223 he embodied the Braves; and

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- WHEREAS, nicknamed Hammerin' Hank, Mr. Aaron's record of 755 home runs hardly does
- justice to his extraordinary career, for he retired with 23 major league records; and
- WHEREAS, he was the all-time RBI leader with 2,297, racked up the most extra-base hits
- with 1,477, and finished in the top three for at-bats with 12,364, runs with 2,174 (tied with
- Babe Ruth), games with 3,298, and hits with 3,771; and

Herbert and Estella Aaron's eight children; and

229 WHEREAS, he averaged only 63 strikeouts per season and retired with a career .305 batting 230 average; and WHEREAS, a 20-time All-Star and a three-time Gold Glove winner, Mr. Aaron won the 231 232 1957 National League Most Valuable Player award and was rushed to Cooperstown on the 233 first-ballot in 1982; and 234 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was considered one of the city's 235 most successful entrepreneurs, owning several car dealerships and Krispy Kreme doughnut 236 franchises; and 237 WHEREAS, throughout his business career, Mr. Aaron held to his philosophy to help other 238 African Americans succeed; and 239 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Billye; their children Gaile, Hank, Jr., Lary, Dorinda, 240 and Ceci; and his grandchildren; and 241 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 242 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory. 243 **PART XII** 244 WHEREAS, Pastor Billy Edmondson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state 245 for his leadership within Sutallee Baptist Church and his deep personal commitment to the 246 welfare of all Georgians; and

247 WHEREAS, he has passionately devoted his entire life to bettering his community and state 248 through ministry, as evidenced by his 30 year tenure as senior pastor of Sutallee Baptist 249 Church in White, Georgia; and 250 WHEREAS, since Pastor Edmondson joined the Sutallee staff in 1991, the church's congregation has grown from 15 members who were meeting in a basement of a building 251 252 with a tin roof to more than 700 faithful congregants; and 253 WHEREAS, with deep roots in Canton, Georgia, Pastor Edmondson's grandfather worked 254 at the Canton Mill at age 13 and Pastor Edmondson worked for a local railroad company 255 while attending Reinhardt University and taking Bible classes offered by the Georgia Baptist 256 Convention; and 257 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United 258 States Marine Corps, valiantly and courageously serving in the Vietnam war; and 259 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision have been instrumental to numerous organizations, 260 including the Georgia Baptist Mission and the Academy at Double H Ranch; and 261 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 262 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor. 263 **PART XIII** 264 WHEREAS, Senator Fran Millar has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for 265 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the 266 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

267 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, 268 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced 269 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Georgia General Assembly for 20 270 years; and 271 WHEREAS, during his distinguished tenure with the General Assembly, Senator Millar 272 championed education, small business, and government accountability; and 273 WHEREAS, Senator Millar has served with honor and distinction with the Georgia General 274 Assembly, and his vision and unyielding commitment to representing the residents of his 275 district and educating the youth of this state have set the standard for public service; and WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant was instrumental in the creation of the City of 276 277 Dunwoody; and 278 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this 279 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a road in 280 his honor. 281 **PART XIV** 282 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put 283 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the 284 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and 285 WHEREAS, Corporal Mark Prevatt served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty 286 with the United States Marine Corps and made the ultimate sacrifice on October 23, 1983, 287 when he was killed in a terrorist attack upon the Marine barracks in Beruit; and

WHEREAS, a native of Columbus, Georgia, Corporal Prevatt demonstrated a deep personal 288 289 commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety 290 and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and 291 WHEREAS, his selfless service to this nation and unvielding commitment to protecting the 292 people and ideals of the United States will long be remembered and appreciated; and 293 WHEREAS, Corporal Prevatt embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in 294 something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable 295 and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his 296 memory. 297 **PART XV** 298 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens 299 with the passing of Mr. J.A. "Big Jim" Walters on February 22, 2021; and 300 WHEREAS, a graduate of East Mecklinburg High School, Mr. Walters attended North 301 Carolina State University and was a man with an unparalleled sense of duty to his 302 community and to his country; and 303 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as president of the James A. Walters 304 Management Company, Inc.; and 305 WHEREAS, Mr. Walters diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by 306 307 his support of the YMCA; and

308 WHEREAS, his contributions and leadership were recognized by the YMCA with the 309 dedication of the J.A. Walter Family YMCA Center; and 310 WHEREAS, a lifetime supporter of Lanier Technical College, Mr. Walters presented a 311 \$1 million gift to assist the school in opening a new campus location; and 312 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation 313 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he 314 made this world a better place in which to live; and 315 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Walters will long be remembered for 316 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, grandfather, and 317 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and 318 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 319 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory. 320 **PART XVI** 321 WHEREAS, Dr. Austin Flint has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the 322 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare 323 of the citizens of Georgia; and 324 WHEREAS, Dr. Flint has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his 325 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced 326 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the board of trustees of Reinhardt

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University; and

328 WHEREAS, Dr. Flint and his wife, Bea, have owned a farm in Waleska since 1969; and WHEREAS, in the fall 2017 and spring 2018, the Flints established a chestnut orchard on 329 their Waleska farm, and Dr. Flint has since arranged an agreement between the American 330 331 Chestnut Foundation and Reinhardt University to involve Reinhardt students in maintaining 332 the orchard; and 333 WHEREAS, the orchard now has over 1,500 chestnut trees which are being studied by Dr. Zach Felix, associate professor of biology at Reinhardt University; Dr. Martin Cipollini, 334 335 professor of biology at Berry College; and the American Chestnut Foundation; and 336 WHEREAS, the collaborative research project serves not only as a great opportunity for 337 students but as a new future for the American chestnut; and WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 338 339 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor. 340 **PART XVII** 341 WHEREAS, Mr. Jerry Shearin has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the 342 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare 343 of the citizens of Georgia; and 344 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, 345 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced 346 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the State Transportation Board 347 representing District 14 and as Chairman of the Paulding County Board of Commissioners 348 from 2001 to 2008; and

349 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Shearin graduated from Miami Palmetto 350 Senior High School and Auburn University; and 351 WHEREAS, Mr. Shearin is an entrepreneurial leader in Dallas, Georgia, as an 352 owner-operator of McAdams Insurance Agency, Shearinco Enterprises, Inc., and Shearin 353 Properties, LLC; and 354 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 355 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor. 356 **PART XVIII** 357 WHEREAS, Mr. David Morris Anderson, Sr., was born on September 6, 1935, in Armour, 358 South Dakota, the beloved son of Kuipers Francis Anderson and Barbara Jeanette Dalton 359 Anderson; and 360 WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson grew up in Coral Gables, Florida, graduated from Coral Gables 361 High School, and attended the University of Florida where he was a member of Beta Theta 362 Pi fraternity; and 363 WHEREAS, after two years as a Florida Gator, Mr. Anderson was offered a scholarship to 364 play basketball at Piedmont College in Demorest, Georgia, where he completed his 365 bachelor's degree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson taught chemistry and biology at North Hall High School before

earning a Master's in Divinity degree from Columbia Theological Seminary; and

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368 WHEREAS, he worked as a life insurance agent, serving as president of Life Leaders of 369 Georgia, qualifying many times for the Million Dollar Roundtable, and was the leading agent 370 for several different insurance companies; and 371 WHEREAS, his greatest and proudest accomplishment was the creation of *Mexico Lindo* newspaper, the community's only bilingual newspaper for the Spanish-speaking community, 372 373 which he co-founded with his beautiful and loving wife, Haydee, in 1990, and published for 374 22 years until his passing; and 375 WHEREAS, in 2003, the newspaper received the Georgia School Boards Association 2003 376 Beacon Award, which recognizes news media organizations whose coverage over time has 377 created understanding of public education issues by informing the general public about 378 programs, policies, and issues affecting the public schools, students, and communities; and 379 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished 380 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory. 381 **PART XIX** 382 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put 383 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the 384 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and 385 WHEREAS, Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell served as a guardian of 386 this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S. 387 Arizona and U.S.S. Sumner and commanded three ships during World War II; and

388 WHEREAS, a native of La Fayette, Georgia, Lieutenant Commander Campbell 389 demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to 390 sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and 391 WHEREAS, he was serving as a boatswain's captain on the U.S.S. Sumner during the attack 392 on Pearl Harbor, where he was able to shoot down the first Japanese attacking plane that was 393 on a torpedo run for the battleship U.S.S. California; and 394 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell was awarded the Purple Heart for his actions 395 during the attack on Pearl Harbor and continued to serve in the Navy until 1957, devoting 396 24 years of service to this nation; and 397 WHEREAS, he returned to Walker County to serve as the county surveyor for many years 398 until his passing in 1993; and 399 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell embodied the spirit of service, willing to find 400 meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this 401 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an 402 intersection in his memory. 403 **PART XX** 404 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put 405 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the 406 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

407 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment 408 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort 409 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and 410 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve 411 412 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and 413 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation 414 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the 415 United States; and 416 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something 417 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored 418 419 appropriately. 420 **PART XXI** NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL 422 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection at State Route 49 and Blandy Road in

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- 423 Baldwin County is dedicated as the Kathryn Poff Memorial Intersection.
- 424 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at SR81 and
- 425 SR316/US29 in Barrow County is dedicated as the Judy Hill Loftin, LPC Memorial
- 426 Interchange.

427 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 515 at

- 428 Turniptown Creek in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Cecil Mathews Memorial Bridge.
- 429 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 8 from the
- 430 Gwinnett/Barrow County line to Cedars Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Jimmy
- 431 Wilbanks Highway.
- 432 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 22 adjacent
- 433 to 603 West Montgomery Street in Baldwin County is dedicated as the Dennette Odum
- 434 Jackson Memorial Bridge.
- 435 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at US 27 and
- 436 Washington Street in Chattooga County is dedicated as the Probate Judge Jon Payne
- 437 Memorial Intersection.
- 438 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 285 from 1/2
- 439 mile east and 1/2 mile west of the North Peachtree Road Interchange in DeKalb County is
- 440 dedicated as the Dr. Charles F. Stanley Highway.
- 441 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at SR 299 and US 11
- in Dade County is dedicated as the Sheriff Philip Street Memorial Intersection.
- 443 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at Chickamauga
- 444 Avenue and Spring Street in Walker County is dedicated as the Charles R. Lusk Memorial
- 445 Intersection.

446 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection at U.S. 27 and Osburn 447 Road in Walker County is dedicated as the Sergeant Henry "Gene" Mullis Memorial Intersection. 448 449 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 154 from 450 Polaris Way SW to Interstate 285 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Henry "Hank" Louis 451 Aaron Memorial Highway. 452 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 20 from 1/2 453 mile west to 1/2 mile east of Sutallee Baptist Church in Cherokee County is dedicated as the 454 Pastor Billy Edmondson Highway. 455 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Interstate 285 from Exit 456 30 in DeKalb County to the Fulton County line is dedicated as the Senator Fran Millar 457 Highway. 458 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 80 over 459 Baker Creek at the Talbot/Muscogee County line is dedicated as the Corporal Mark Prevatt 460 Memorial Bridge. 461 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 365 462 and Lanier Tech Drive in Hall County is dedicated as the J.A. "Big Jim" Walters Intersection. 463 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 108 from 1/2 mile to the east and west of Pleasant Arbor Road in Cherokee County is dedicated as the 464

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Dr. Austin Flint Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 61 from 466 467 north of Old Cartersville Road in Paulding County to the Bartow County line is dedicated 468 as the Chairman Jerry Shearin Highway. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 13 over Flat 469 Creek in Hall County is dedicated as the Dave Anderson Memorial Bridge. 470 471 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 27 and Round 472 Pond Road in Walker County is dedicated as the Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester 473 Campbell Memorial Intersection. 474 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 20 from 1/2 mile East and West of the Georgia National Cemetery in Cherokee County as the Veterans 475 476 Memorial Highway. 477 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and 478 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this 479 resolution. 480 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized 481 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the 482 Department of Transportation; to the families of Ms. Kathryn Poff, Mrs. Judy Hill Loftin, 483 Mr. Cecil Mathews, Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks, Mrs. Dennette Odum Jackson, Probate Judge Jon Payne, Sheriff Philip Street, Mr. Charles R. Lusk, Sergeant Henry "Gene" Mullis, Mr. 484 485 Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron, Corporal Mark Prevatt, Mr. J.A. "Big Jim" Walters, Navy

Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell, and Mr. David Morris Anderson, Sr.; and

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487 to Dr. Charles Frazier Stanley, Pastor Billy Edmondson, Senator Fran Millar, Dr. Austin

488 Flint, and Chairman Jerry Shearin.

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- 490 This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its
- 491 becoming law without such approval.