

House Resolution 1444

By: Representative Howard of the 124<sup>th</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Ms. Jessye Norman and dedicating an interchange in her  
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Ms. Jessye Norman was born on September 15, 1945, in Augusta, Georgia, the  
4 beloved daughter of Janie King Norman and Silas Norman; and

5 WHEREAS, after graduating from Lucy C. Laney High School, Ms. Norman earned a  
6 bachelor's degree from Howard University and a master's degree from the University of  
7 Michigan; and

8 WHEREAS, a renowned opera singer, Ms. Norman performed *Deborah, L'Africaine*, and *Le*  
9 *Nozze di Figaro* for the Deutsche Oper Berlin opera company; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1982, she performed *Oedipus Rex* and *Dido and Aeneas* with the Opera  
11 Company of Philadelphia; and

12 WHEREAS, other notable performances include the 100th anniversary season with the  
13 Metropolitan Opera and appearances with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra and Lyric  
14 Opera of Chicago; and

15 WHEREAS, in 2002, she established the Jessye Norman School of Arts, a tuition-free after  
16 school arts program in Augusta; and

17 WHEREAS, her remarkable talents have been recognized with five Grammy Awards,  
18 including a Lifetime Achievement Award; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished  
20 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange between Interstate 20 and Washington  
23 Road in Richmond County is dedicated as the Jessye Norman Memorial Interchange.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Jessye Norman Memorial  
26 Interchange.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
28 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
29 family of Ms. Jessye Norman and to the Department of Transportation.