

## House Resolution 1468

By: Representatives Gilliard of the 162<sup>nd</sup>, Hitchens of the 161<sup>st</sup>, and Gordon of the 163<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this  
4 state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the  
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
7 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
8 dramatically by his superlative service to the City of Savannah; and

9 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams was born in Savannah on May 11, 1945, the beloved son of  
10 Floyd "Pressboy" Adams, Sr., and Wilhelmina Anderson Adams; and

11 WHEREAS, he attended St. Anthony Catholic School, St. Pius X Catholic School, Brooklyn  
12 College, and Armstrong State College; and

13 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams took over his family's printing business, The Herald of  
14 Savannah, Inc., and became a master printer and professional photographer and served as the  
15 *Herald of Savannah's* publisher and president, which is now known as *Savannah Herald*; and

16 WHEREAS, he was elected as District One alderman for the City of Savannah in 1982, a  
17 position he held until 1991 when he was elected to serve as alderman-at-large for Post One;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams was the first African American elected to a city-wide post in  
20 Savannah and later made history again by being elected as the first African American mayor  
21 for the city; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Adams' leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous  
23 organizations, including the United Way, Private Industry Council, Georgia Black Elected  
24 Officials Association, National Black Council of Local Elected Officials, Savannah's Printers  
25 Association, Savannah's Photography Association, the Savannah Branch of the NAACP,  
26 Cloverdale Civic Improvement Association, and Prince Hall Masons; and

27 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a Freedom  
28 Fighter Award from the NAACP and 1996 Citizen of the Year by Omega Psi Phi Fraternity,  
29 Mu Phi Chapter; and

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

32 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
33 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Interstate 516 over West Bay Street in  
34 Chatham County is dedicated as the Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr., Bridge.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
36 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Mayor Floyd Adams, Jr.,  
37 Bridge.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
39 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
40 family of Honorable Floyd Adams, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.