

House Resolution 1543

By: Representatives Fludd of the 64th and Douglas of the 78th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Marquis Deon Grissom and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Marquis Deon Grissom was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and attended Lakeshore
4 High School where he excelled in baseball; and

5 WHEREAS, he went on to play for Florida A&M University, and in 1988 he was selected
6 by the Montreal Expos where he worked as a position player; and

7 WHEREAS, Grissom was ultimately traded to the Atlanta Braves, and in his first season they
8 won the World Series with Grissom securing the final out by catching a fly ball; and

9 WHEREAS, he played his final major league years with the San Francisco Giants, who
10 dubbed him a "class act" and a "clubhouse" leader, and in 2003 he won the Willie Mac
11 Award for his spirit and leadership; and

12 WHEREAS, Grissom retired in March, 2006, after a successful 17 year career and currently
13 resides in College Park, Georgia; and

14 WHEREAS, he was hired to become the Washington Nationals first base coach for the 2009
15 season in October, 2008; and

16 WHEREAS, Marquis Grissom leads by example both on and off the field; he sponsors six
17 Little League teams and assists in funding a home school that provides food and shelter for
18 children without parents; and

19 WHEREAS, this magnificent player has earned his well-deserved reputation for excellence
20 by performing with precision and dedication over years of training and competition, and it

21 is abundantly proper to recognize him for his many accomplishments by dedicating a bridge
22 in his honor.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 14 at the State Route 14
25 Connector in the Red Oak Community of Fulton County is dedicated as the Marquis Deon
26 Grissom Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Marquis Deon Grissom
29 Bridge.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
31 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Mr. Marquis Deon Grissom
32 and to the Department of Transportation.