

House Resolution 1571

By: Representative Beasley-Teague of the 65th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. George Duke Beasley and dedicating a road in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and leaders with the passing
4 of Mr. George Duke Beasley; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley was born on January 19, 1922, in Indianapolis, and he and his two
6 brothers were raised by their mother, Emma Ruth Vance Beasley; and

7 WHEREAS, he graduated with honors from Crispus Attucks High School, where he served
8 as captain of the school's basketball team, and attended North Carolina Agricultural and
9 Technical State University; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
11 United States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow Americans
12 during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, in addition to his service during World War II, Mr. Beasley served in five
14 military campaigns and was recognized with honors such as the Purple Heart and the U.S.
15 Army Soldier's Medal of Valor for saving the life of a fellow soldier while risking his own;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, he earned a bachelor's degree from Wilberforce University, where he joined
18 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and was active in the Students for Democratic Action
19 Committee, and a master's degree from Indiana University; and

20 WHEREAS, a dedicated public servant, Mr. Beasley served as claims director for the Indiana
21 Employment Security Division, Northeast Regional Director and Director of the State
22 Regional Offices for the Ohio Civil Rights Commission, Deputy District Director of the

23 Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, and the head administrator for the Georgia
24 Office of Fair Employment Practices; and

25 WHEREAS, Mr. Beasley exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
26 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting and
27 proper that a road be dedicated in his honor.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
29 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 92 in southern Fulton County
30 from U.S. Route 29 (Roosevelt Highway) to the Douglas County line is dedicated as the
31 George Duke Beasley Memorial Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the George Duke Beasley
34 Memorial Highway.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
36 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. George
37 Duke Beasley and to the Department of Transportation.