

House Resolution 207

By: Representative Smith of the 18<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mayor William "Pete" Bridges and dedicating a road in his memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor William "Pete" Bridges was born on August 4, 1941, in Tallapoosa,  
4 Georgia, the beloved son of Martha Mae Odom Bridges and Robert Franklin Bridges; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
6 the United States Army where he competed as a member of the U.S. Army Pistol Team,  
7 placing second overall in rapid fire; and

8 WHEREAS, he began his career in sales at Cannon Electric before moving to Boston  
9 Insulated Wire & Cable Company, where he was recognized with a Top Salesman Award  
10 and earned a fine reputation for his problem-solving and thoroughness; and

11 WHEREAS, upon his retirement in 1971, Mayor Bridges moved to Tallapoosa and opened  
12 the West Georgia Golf Company in 1983; and

13 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
14 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced

15 dramatically by his superlative service for two terms on the Tallapoosa City Council and then  
16 as the longest serving mayor of the city; and

17 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges was a long-time member of the Tallapoosa Lion's Club and  
18 served as a representative for Tallapoosa residents with the Georgia Municipal Association  
19 as a member of the association's board of directors; and

20 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Bridges was an active member of Our  
21 Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Carrollton, Georgia; and

22 WHEREAS, Mayor Bridges embodied the spirit of service and it is abundantly fitting and  
23 proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by  
24 dedicating a road in his memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that portion of Highway 78 from the east boundary of the City  
27 of Tallapoosa to the west boundary of the City of Tallapoosa in Haralson County is dedicated  
28 as the Mayor William "Pete" Bridges Memorial Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Mayor William "Pete" Bridges  
31 Memorial Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
33 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
34 family of Mayor William "Pete" Bridges and to the Department of Transportation.