

House Resolution 284

By: Representative Powell of the 32nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston and dedicating a road in his honor; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston was born on June 11, 1942, in Madison
4 County, Georgia, was raised in Franklin County, Georgia, and has spent his life serving and
5 loving his community; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Royston moved back to Madison County in 1963 after marrying his
7 sweet wife, Patsy, whom he devotedly loved and cared for throughout their almost 55 year
8 marriage, and was blessed with three daughters and two granddaughters; and

9 WHEREAS, he served as an Election Day poll worker for ten years, including when the
10 county transitioned from paper "bed sheet" ballots to Shoup lever voting machines; and

11 WHEREAS, Judge Royston was elected Madison County Probate Judge in 1976 and served
12 fairly and impartially not only in court but also in overseeing the conduct and certification
13 of elections as Elections Superintendent for 32 years; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Royston coached Madison County Recreation Department softball for
15 many years; and

16 WHEREAS, he is a longtime supporter of Madison County High School sports and its
17 student athletes and to this day still tells stories of traveling throughout the state to watch the
18 1980 Raiderettes basketball team go undefeated and win the AAA State Championship; and
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20 WHEREAS, he is a hard-working and dedicated member and deacon of New Hope Baptist
21 Church located at the corner of State Route 281 and Shirley Road; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Royston is a member of The Gideons International and has distributed
23 copies of God's Word in order to plant seeds of faith; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
25 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 281 from US 29 to State
28 Route 191 in Madison County is dedicated as the Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Judge Donald "Hoppy"
31 Royston 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 Judge
34 Donald "Hoppy" Royston and to the Department of Transportation.