

## House Resolution 286

By: Representative Jasperse of the 11<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of Dr. Tom and Jean Boswell and dedicating a road in their memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Tom Boswell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
4 the United States Air Force and valiantly protected his fellow Americans during World  
5 War II; and

6 WHEREAS, Dr. Boswell enlisted after the bombing of Pearl Harbor when he was in medical  
7 school, leaving behind his books and medical career aspirations to fly a B-29 in at least 30  
8 bombing raid missions over Japan and Tinian which paved the way for the Enola Gay to  
9 carry the atomic bomb to Japan; and

10 WHEREAS, his service was recognized with a Distinguished Flying Cross and after the war  
11 he and his wife, Jean, moved to Atlanta so he could finish medical school at Crawford Long  
12 and later go on to become an obstetrician; and

13 WHEREAS, in 1952 the couple moved to Pickens County and fell in love with the Tate area  
14 where Dr. Boswell opened a clinic to serve his small community, working during the clinic's

15 early years without a day off and putting in 100 hour weeks while the couple and their six  
16 month old child lived in two back rooms of the clinic; and

17 WHEREAS, for years Jean accompanied Dr. Boswell on his house calls and worked in the  
18 clinic as a nurse, often working for the pay of a home cooked meal, eggs, chickens, or  
19 vegetables, for those who were unable to pay him money; and

20 WHEREAS, after 12 long years he finally took a family vacation and eventually he became  
21 staff at Pickens General Hospital from which he retired in 2000; and

22 WHEREAS, during his incredible 50 year career, Dr. Boswell delivered numerous current  
23 residents of Pickens, Dawson, and Cherokee counties and was known for his selfless and  
24 caring nature, never wanting a patient to worry about their ability to pay for his services; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished couple  
26 be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 108 from the Pickens/Cherokee  
29 County line to State Route 515 in Pickens County is dedicated as the Dr. Tom and Jean  
30 Boswell Memorial Highway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
32 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Dr. Tom and Jean Boswell  
33 Memorial Highway.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
35 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
36 family of Dr. Tom and Jean Boswell and to the Department of Transportation.