

House Resolution 353

By: Representatives Cannon of the 58th, Beverly of the 143rd, and Williams of the 168th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing General Larry Platt and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, General Larry Platt has long been recognized for his dedication to the principles
3 of equality and justice and his active involvement in the political process; and
- 4 WHEREAS, at three years old, General Platt was shot in the face by the Ku Klux Klan on
5 Asbury Street, leaving him visually impaired, and in 1966, he was run over while riding his
6 bike; and
- 7 WHEREAS, a champion of justice, General Platt was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement
8 alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Hosea Williams, starting his activism
9 at age 18; and
- 10 WHEREAS, he participated in the March on Washington in 1963 to protest for African
11 American workers and in the historic Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery on the
12 Edmund Pettus Bridge; and
- 13 WHEREAS, he worked with Julian Bond, James Baldwin, and James Farmer in fighting for
14 civil rights and equality; and

15 WHEREAS, his nickname "General" was given to him by Reverend Hosea Williams for his
16 heroic efforts on behalf of the Civil Rights Movement; and

17 WHEREAS, he won national attention for his socially conscious and thought-provoking song
18 "Pants on the Ground"; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
20 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 166 over Delowe Drive in Fulton
23 County is dedicated as the General Larry Platt Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the General Larry Platt Bridge.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to
28 General Larry Platt and to the Department of Transportation.