

House Resolution 444 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

By: Representative McCall of the 33rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; repealing a portion of a resolution
2 dedicating portions of the state highway system approved on May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p.
3 698); and for other purposes.

4 **PART I**

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Willie Thomas Murray has long been recognized for the vital role he played
6 in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Murray served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
8 United States military during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, he was a leader in Lincoln County, where he served as a charter member and
10 president of Twilight Improvement Association, a clearing-house for the presentation,
11 review, and study of problems facing county citizens; and

12 WHEREAS, during his years of service, the association received federal funds for emergency
13 food and medical services for county residents, and he was instrumental in establishing a
14 county-wide transportation program for senior citizens; and

15 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Murray served as chairman of the board
16 of trustees of Thankful Baptist Church and was a member of the Beulah Volunteer Fire
17 Department; and

18 WHEREAS, he provided scholarships for six Lincoln County college students and conducted
19 several voter registration drives and voter forums; and

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

22 **PART II**

23 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Hugh L. Moore was born on August 17, 1918, the beloved son of
24 Mr. and Mrs. L.B. Moore; and

25 WHEREAS, a native of Nashville, Georgia, Lt. Moore graduated from the University of
26 Georgia in 1938 and served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a pilot with
27 the United States Armed Forces during World War II; and

28 WHEREAS, he flew at least eight missions over Germany, participated in the Battle of
29 Midway as a pilot of a Flying Fortress bomber, and went missing in action over enemy
30 territory in Europe on July 28, 1942; and

31 WHEREAS, Lt. Moore's bravery and courage were recognized with an Air Medal with Oak
32 Leaf Cluster and a Purple Heart; and

33 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
34 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

35 **PART III**

36 WHEREAS, a native of Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. James Harold Shepherd is a pioneer in the
37 road construction industry as a founding member of the Shepherd Construction Company;
38 and

39 WHEREAS, Mr. Shepherd began his illustrious career in road construction at the age of 14,
40 after his father sent to him to drive alone to Louisiana to build a levee for the WC Shepherd
41 Company; and

42 WHEREAS, over the last six decades, Mr. Shepherd and his family have been responsible
43 for constructing hundreds of miles of interstate highways in Georgia and several surrounding
44 states, as well as thousands of miles of city and county streets; and

45 WHEREAS, at one time, Mr. Shepherd managed 15 asphalt plants across Georgia, North
46 Carolina, and South Carolina and holds the patent on the "rumble roller" which marks the
47 pavement edge on roads; and

48 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were instrumental as president of the Georgia Asphalt
49 Paving Association and the Georgia Highway Contractors Association; and

50 WHEREAS, a man of great philanthropy and generosity, Mr. Shepherd is a co-founder and
51 founding board member of the Shepherd Center, a private, not for profit hospital that is
52 internationally renowned for specialized treatment, research, and rehabilitation for spinal
53 cord and brain injuries, multiple sclerosis, spine and chronic pain, and other neuromuscular
54 conditions; and

55 WHEREAS, he has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including a
56 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgia Highway Contractors Association, the
57 AAPM&R Distinguished Public Service Award, the Atlanta Business Chronicle's
58 Health-Care Heroes Award, and the 2016 Christopher Reeve Spirit of Courage Award from
59 the Dana and Christopher Reeve Foundation; and

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

62 **PART IV**

63 WHEREAS, Mr. Horace L. Dunahoo came from a family with deep roots in the field of land
64 surveying; and

65 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunahoo's passion for land surveying began as a young boy and was said
66 to have been inspired by his uncle, Lucious House, who served as a county surveyor in
67 Barrow County, Georgia, in the early 1900s; and

68 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunahoo was appointed by Governor Ellis Arnold to survey the county line
69 dividing Gwinnett and DeKalb counties; and

70 WHEREAS, a well-respected surveyor in both Georgia and South Carolina, Mr. Dunahoo
71 surveyed the 32 mile line known as the Old Hightower Indian Trail and prepared maps that
72 defined the line for future generations; and

73 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
74 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

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PART V

76 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
77 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Sergeant David P. Land on March 26, 2003;
78 and

79 WHEREAS, Sergeant Land began his career in law enforcement in 1990 as an Atlanta police
80 officer and later went on to join the Stone Mountain Police Department where he worked
81 until 1997 when he was hired by the Forsyth County Sheriff's Office; and

82 WHEREAS, this dedicated law enforcement officer's life was cut short from injuries he
83 received in a motorcycle crash en route to a call for service, just two days after he was
84 promoted to the rank of sergeant; and

85 WHEREAS, Sergeant Land exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
86 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties.

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PART VI

88 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
89 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
90 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

91 WHEREAS, current and former members of the United States military have demonstrated
92 a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own
93 personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

94 WHEREAS, the Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces who are wounded
95 by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the
96 name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action; and

97 WHEREAS, these brave men and women serve as guardians of this nation's freedom and
98 liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in
99 order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

100 WHEREAS, it is important that Purple Heart recipients are thanked for their selfless service
101 to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and
102 ideals of the United States; and

103 WHEREAS, these individuals embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
104 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
105 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished
106 Americans be honored appropriately.

107 **PART VII**

108 WHEREAS, Mr. Jesse C. Long has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
109 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
110 of the citizens of Georgia; and

111 WHEREAS, a native of Tennessee, Mr. Long attended David Lipscomb College in Nashville
112 to study to become a minister; and

113 WHEREAS, in 1957, Mr. Long moved to Atlanta to serve as minister of the Northwest
114 Church of Christ, where he also ministered to students attending the Georgia Institute of
115 Technology; and

116 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was named president of Greater Atlanta Christian School after his
117 instrumental role that led to the purchase of 170 acres on Indian Trail Road in Lilburn for the
118 school's campus; and

119 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental as chairman of the education
120 committee to the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce and he was honored as the organization's
121 Citizen of the Year in 1981; and

122 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
123 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his
124 honor.

125 **PART VIII**

126 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
127 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over New Ford Creek on Highway 79 in Lincoln
128 County is dedicated as the Willie Thomas Murray Memorial Bridge.

129 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Nashville Tifton
130 Highway/State Route 125 between the Virgil T. Barber Bridge and the City of Nashville in
131 Berrien County is dedicated as the Lieutenant Hugh L. Moore Memorial Bridge.

132 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 9 between
133 Peachtree Battle Avenue and the Amtrak Peachtree Station in Fulton County is dedicated as
134 the J. Harold Shepherd Parkway.

135 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 11 at the
136 Barrow/Walton County line is dedicated as the Horace L. Dunahoo Memorial Bridge.

137 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 20 from
138 Haw Creek Parkway/Nuckolls Road to Samples Road in Forsyth County is dedicated as the
139 Sergeant David P. Land Memorial Highway.

140 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that U.S. Highway 27 through Stewart,
141 Randolph, Clay, and Early counties is dedicated as the Purple Heart Highway.

142 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at Interstate 85 and
143 Indian Trail Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Jesse C. Long Interchange.

144 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that a resolution dedicating certain
145 portions of the state highway system as approved on May 3, 2016 (Ga. L. 2016, p. 698) is
146 amended by repealing the second undesignated paragraph of Part XXXVII relating to the
147 dedication of the Sergeant David Paul "Bubba" Land Memorial Intersection.

148 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
149 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
150 resolution.

151 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized to
152 correct any errors in the spelling of names included in this resolution without further action
153 from the General Assembly.

154 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
155 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
156 Department of Transportation; to Mr. James Harold Shepherd and Mr. Jesse C. Long; and
157 to the families of Mr. Willie Thomas Murray, Lieutenant Hugh L. Moore, Mr. Horace L.
158 Dunahoo, and Sergeant David P. Land.