

House Resolution 467

By: Representatives Bentley of the 139th, Carter of the 175th, Coleman of the 97th, Harden of the 148th, and Epps of the 144th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr., served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty
4 with the United States military during World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, in 1960, he began his career serving the people of Taylor County as a school
6 bus driver and he went on to serve as Transportation Director until an automobile accident
7 in 2000; and

8 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were instrumental as a Taylor County commissioner
9 for six years and as a member of the Taylor County Board of Family and Children Services
10 for 16 years; and

11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Welch was a deacon at Trinity Free Will
12 Baptist Church and was a Gideon who helped spread the Word of God by distributing
13 Gideon Bibles; and

14 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy as a
15 member of the Masonic Lodge; and

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

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over Whitewater Creek, southwest of the City
20 of Butler on SR 137 in Taylor County, is dedicated as the E. A. Welch, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
22 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the E. A. Welch, Jr., Memorial
23 Bridge.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
25 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
26 family of Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr., and to the Department of Transportation.