

## House Resolution 49

By: Representative Greene of the 151<sup>st</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James Bland, Sr., and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for  
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. James Bland, Sr., was born on December 3, 1921, and was a well-known  
4 and beloved farmer in Clay County; and

5 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bland served as a longtime member and  
6 deacon at St. James AME Church and later joined the Pentecostal Church of God; and

7 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Lula Bell McCrae in 1940, a union which  
8 blessed him with five remarkable children, Eddie, Ruthie, Curtis, James, and Minnie; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bland was a devoted community leader, teaching many young people of  
10 Clay County on the importance of nature and the great outdoors; and

11 WHEREAS, he served as a role model to others, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that  
12 the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished  
13 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

14 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
15 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 39 over Drag Nasty Creek in  
16 Clay County is dedicated as the James Bland, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
18 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the James Bland, Sr., Memorial  
19 Bridge.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
21 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
22 family of Mr. James Bland, Sr., and to the Department of Transportation.