

House Resolution 609

By: Representative McCall of the 33<sup>rd</sup>

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. William Augustus "Bill" Kelly and dedicating a bridge in his  
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. William Augustus "Bill" Kelly was born on February 3, 1926, the beloved  
4 son of Annie Sue Griffin Kelly and Dr. George Washington Kelly, Sr.; and

5 WHEREAS, a native of Athens, Mr. Kelly graduated from Elberton High School and was  
6 attending Emory University when he was drafted to serve as a guardian of this nation's  
7 freedom and liberty with the United States Army during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, after serving his country in Japan, Mr. Kelly earned bachelor's and master's  
9 degrees from the University of Tennessee, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor  
10 Society; and

11 WHEREAS, he had a successful career with the Elberton Granite Association, where he was  
12 instrumental in increasing membership, constructing and expanding the association's  
13 headquarters, expanding staffing, and spreading recognition of the association through  
14 establishment of an association magazine and erection of numerous exhibits; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelly was an active member of his community and his leadership was  
16 instrumental in his work with Rotary Club of Elberton, the Elberton Civic Center, the  
17 Elberton-Elbert County Hospital Authority, Elberton Country Club, and Elbert County  
18 Historical Society; and

19 WHEREAS, he was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including Booster of  
20 the Year, Distinguished Service Award, Achievement Award, and Elbert County  
21 Ambassador Award from the Elbert County Chamber of Commerce; and

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

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Highway 72 over the Broad River at the  
26 Elbert/Madison County line is dedicated as the William A. Kelly Memorial Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the William A. Kelly Memorial  
29 Bridge.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the  
32 family of Mr. William Augustus "Bill" Kelly and to the Department of Transportation.