

House Resolution 880

By: Representatives Petrea of the 166th, Stephens of the 164th, Hitchens of the 161st, Gilliard of the 162nd, and Gordon of the 163rd

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Al St. Lawrence and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the passing of Mr. Al St. Lawrence on November 24, 2015; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence was born in Dover, New Hampshire, the beloved son of Mary
6 Gagne and John Ovid St. Lawrence; and

7 WHEREAS, he enlisted to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
8 United States Air Force in 1952 and was stationed at Hunter Air Force Base; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence began his prestigious career in law enforcement in 1959 with
10 the Chatham County Police Department, where he served in the positions of corporal,
11 sergeant, lieutenant, captain, and assistant chief of police before his appointment as chief of
12 police in 1971; and

13 WHEREAS, after 21 years as Chief of Police for Chatham County, Mr. St. Lawrence was
14 elected as the county sheriff, a position he was reelected to serve in for five additional terms;
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16 WHEREAS, during his 23 years as sheriff, Mr. St. Lawrence was highly regarded by the
17 citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of
18 unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

19 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were recognized with numerous awards and
20 accolades, including the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police Dr. Curtis
21 McClung/Motorola Award of Excellence, Georgia Sheriffs' Association Distinguished
22 Humanitarian Award, and Sheriff's Leadership Award for 50 years of service; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence played an instrumental role in many organizations, including
24 the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, Georgia Sheriffs' Association,
25 National Sheriffs' Association, Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Peace Officers'
26 Association of Georgia, Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund, and the 200 Club of
27 Coastal Georgia; and

28 WHEREAS, he is the only law enforcement officer in Georgia to be named both Georgia
29 Association of Chiefs of Police Outstanding Chief of the Year and a two-time recipient of
30 Georgia Sheriffs' Association Sheriff of the Year; and

31 WHEREAS, Mr. St. Lawrence exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
32 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and it is abundantly fitting
33 and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
34 dedicating a bridge in his memory.

35 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
36 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over Wilmington River on State Route 26/Island
37 Expressway in Chatham County is dedicated as the Al St. Lawrence Memorial Bridge.

38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
39 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Al St. Lawrence Memorial
40 Bridge.

41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
42 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
43 family of Mr. Al St. Lawrence and to the Department of Transportation.