

House Resolution 940

By: Representative Efstration of the 104th

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Judge Emily Pate Powell and dedicating an intersection in her memory;
- 2 and for other purposes.

- 3 WHEREAS, Judge Emily Pate Powell was born on September 30, 1955, in Richmond,
- 4 Virginia, the beloved daughter of William Arnold Pate, a Presbyterian minister, and Martha
- 5 Powell Pate, a nurse; and

- 6 WHEREAS, Judge Powell graduated from Davidson College in 1977 with the first class of
- 7 the school that included female students, earning her spot in the "Wild Women of Davidson";
- 8 and

- 9 WHEREAS, she earned her law degree from Mercer University and was appointed to serve
- 10 as a magistrate judge in Gwinnett County shortly thereafter; and

- 11 WHEREAS, during her over 20 year career on the bench, Judge Powell earned a reputation
- 12 as a clear thinker and hard worker, as a judge whose strong convictions were supported by
- 13 meticulous research and careful consideration, and as an equitable, impartial leader whose
- 14 decisions were governed by the rules of honesty and fair play; and

15 WHEREAS, a woman of deep and abiding faith, Judge Powell was an active member of
16 Christ Community Church Montreat in North Carolina and frequently attended 12Stone
17 Church in Lawrenceville, Georgia; and

18 WHEREAS, a creative artist, Judge Powell made everything she touched more beautiful and
19 her talents as a painter, quilter, needlework artist, musician, writer and editor, educator, party
20 planner, interior decorator, and gift giver were greatly admired by her friends and family; and

21 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
22 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 20 and East Crogan Street
25 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Judge Emily Pate Powell Intersection.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Judge Emily Pate Powell
28 Intersection.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Judge Emily Pate Powell and to the Department of Transportation.