

Senate Resolution 138

By: Senators James of the 35th, Butler of the 55th, Seay of the 34th, Jones of the 10th, Jackson of the 2nd and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring Mr. Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron and dedicating a road in his memory; and for other
2 purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Henry
4 "Hank" Louis Aaron, Atlanta Braves legend and baseball's homerun king, who passed away
5 on January 22, 2021, at the age of 86; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron was born in Mobile, Alabama, on February 5, 1934, the third of
7 Herbert and Estella Aaron's eight children; and

8 WHEREAS, a Hall of Famer, Atlanta's first professional sports star, and, in a soft-spoken
9 way, an agent of change in the post-Jim Crow South, Mr. Aaron came to embody Atlanta as
10 he embodied the Braves; and

11 WHEREAS, nicknamed Hammerin' Hank, Mr. Aaron's record of 755 home runs hardly does
12 justice to his extraordinary career, for he retired with 23 major league records; and

13 WHEREAS, he was the all-time RBI leader with 2,297, racked up the most extra-base hits
14 with 1,477, and finished in the top three for at-bats with 12,364, runs with 2,174 (tied with
15 Babe Ruth), games with 3,298, and hits with 3,771; and

16 WHEREAS, he averaged only 63 strikeouts per season and retired with a career .305 batting
17 average; and

18 WHEREAS, a 20-time All-Star and a three-time Gold Glove winner, Mr. Aaron won the
19 1957 National League Most Valuable Player award and was rushed to Cooperstown on the
20 first-ballot in 1982; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Aaron lived in Atlanta, Georgia, where he was considered one of the city's
22 most successful entrepreneurs, owning several car dealerships and Krispy Kreme doughnut
23 franchises; and

24 WHEREAS, throughout his business career, Mr. Aaron held to his philosophy to help other
25 African Americans succeed; and

26 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife Billye; their children Gaile, Hank, Jr., Lary, Dorinda,
27 and Ceci; and his grandchildren; and

28 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
29 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

30 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
31 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 154 from Polaris Way SW to

32 Interstate 285 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron Memorial
33 Highway.

34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
35 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron
36 Memorial Highway.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
39 Henry "Hank" Louis Aaron and to the Department of Transportation.