

Senate Resolution 265

By: Senator Harper of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence James Gillis has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the people of Atkinson County, Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, the Gillis family were pioneers in the area of Atkinson County near Satilla
7 River as some of the first settlers on both the Stokesville side of the river and the Mt. Zion
8 side of the river; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gillis served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
10 United States Army, valiantly serving during World War I from 1917 to 1919; and

11 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Gillis was a founding member of Mt. Zion
12 Baptist Church's Sunday school, and he served the church for many years as a deacon; and

13 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
14 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
15 dedicating a bridge in his honor.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
17 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 64 over Satilla River in Atkinson
18 County is dedicated as the Lawrence James Gillis Bridge.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
20 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lawrence James Gillis Bridge.

21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
22 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
23 Lawrence James Gillis and to the Department of Transportation.