

Senate Resolution 276

By: Senator Wilkinson of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing the Brown and Mauldin families of Towns County and dedicating a bridge in
2 their honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the Brown and Mauldin families of Towns County, Georgia, have a rich history
4 and tradition of service to the community; and

5 WHEREAS, Ezekiel Brown purchased the Brown family farm in 1857 while Alexander
6 Mauldin settled his family on property in Towns County in 1840; and

7 WHEREAS, both sites have had generations of the respective families live and farm the
8 properties; and

9 WHEREAS, James Norwood Brown was a pharmacist and farmer who raised seven boys on
10 the farm while his brother, Walter Scott Brown, served as the first cooperative extension
11 agent for Towns County and was the Cooperative Extension State Director from 1937 to
12 1954; and

13 WHEREAS, the Brown family farm, currently maintained by Walter Brown's grandson,
14 Frank Riley, Jr., contains 1/2 mile of one of the only natural stretches remaining on the
15 Hiawassee River; and

16 WHEREAS, Alexander Mauldin served as sheriff and postal clerk in several North Georgia
17 counties and as one of the town commissioners when Hiawassee was incorporated in 1870;
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19 WHEREAS, Douglas England Mauldin was born in 1861 and farmed the property where he
20 raised 11 children and his son, Earl Mauldin, was born in 1895 and also farmed the property
21 and raised nine children on the farm; and

22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
23 Georgia families be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their honor.

24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Highway 17 across the Hiawassee River in
26 Towns County is dedicated as the Brown-Mauldin Bridge.

27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Brown-Mauldin Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Brown and
31 Mauldin families and to the Department of Transportation.