

Senate Resolution 321

By: Senators Jackson of the 41st, Butler of the 55th, Parent of the 42nd, James of the 35th, Harrell of the 40th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Senator Stephen B. Henson and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, a long-time resident of DeKalb County, Senator Stephen B. Henson graduated
4 from Henderson High School and earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the
5 University of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Henson began his career in public service and politics in 1986 when
7 he was appointed by Governor Joe Frank Harris to the Asbestos Licensing Board, where he
8 served as chairperson from 1988 to 1990; and

9 WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia Senate in 1990, ably and adeptly representing the
10 citizens of the 55th Senate District until 1999 and serving as chairperson of the Senate
11 Consumer Affairs Committee; and

12 WHEREAS, Senator Henson was elected to serve the 41st Senate District in 2002, serving
13 until 2021 and holding such leadership positions as chairperson of the DeKalb Senate
14 Delegation, Senate Democratic Whip, and Senate Minority Leader; and

15 WHEREAS, during his years with the Senate, Senator Henson earned a reputation for his
16 significant organizational and leadership talents, where his remarkable patience and
17 diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
18 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

19 WHEREAS, his work in the Senate advocating for the environment, improving education,
20 and promoting programs that assist persons with disabilities were recognized with awards
21 and honors from organizations such as Common Cause, Technology Association of Georgia,
22 Conservation Voters, and the Georgia Association of Educators; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
24 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his honor.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of Highway 78 at Mountain Industrial
27 Boulevard in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Senator Stephen B. Henson Interchange.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Senator Stephen B. Henson
30 Interchange.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Senator Stephen B.
33 Henson and to the Department of Transportation.