

Senate Resolution 40

By: Senators Dugan of the 30th, Hill of the 6th, Mullis of the 53rd, Williams of the 19th, Kirk of the 13th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Captain Herbert "Herb" Lee Emory and dedicating the new flyover ramp
2 on Interstate 85 at Georgia 400 in his honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Captain Herbert "Herb" Lee Emory was born on April 2, 1953, in Transylvania
4 County, North Carolina; and

5 WHEREAS, Captain Herb moved to Atlanta in 1971 to attend the Atlanta School of
6 Broadcasting and National School of Broadcasting and began serving as a traffic reporter in
7 Atlanta; and

8 WHEREAS, throughout his career, Captain Herb worked with numerous local radio stations,
9 including WSNE of Cumming, WDGL of Douglasville, WFOM of Marietta, WACX of
10 Austell, WQXI-AM, 94 Q-Star 94, and Georgia Network News; and

11 WHEREAS, in 1991 Captain Herb moved to WSB Radio and *Channel 2 Action News*, where
12 he initiated and helped build the traffic team system and infrastructure, including the
13 concepts of "Red Alerts" and "Triple Team Traffic" which countless Atlanta commuters grew
14 to rely upon for accuracy and up-to-the-minute traffic advisories; and

15 WHEREAS, Captain Herb's commitment to helping Atlanta's drivers navigate traffic with
16 ease is evident by his numerous awards and accolades, including at least 15 First Place
17 Awards, including two Green Eyeshades, for news and traffic reports from the Georgia
18 Associated Press Association, and his induction into the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame in
19 2008; and

20 WHEREAS, his generosity of spirit and compassion for others was also widely recognized
21 as he hosted the annual Toys for Tots fundraiser at Fred's Barbeque House in Lithia Springs,
22 volunteered with the Douglas County Boys and Girls Club, was a dedicated member of the

23 Douglas County Animal Control Advisory Board, served on the Friends of Sweetwater Creek
24 State Park Board of Directors, and raised awareness against drinking and driving; and

25 WHEREAS, Captain Herb passed away on April 12, 2014, doing what he did best—helping
26 others, and his presence and work has been sorely missed by the Atlanta community; and

27 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the members of this body show their
28 gratitude for the life's work of this Atlanta icon by dedicating a road in his memory.

29 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
30 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the new flyover ramp on Interstate 85 at Georgia 400 is
31 dedicated as the Captain Herb Emory Flyover Ramp.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
33 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Captain Herb Emory Flyover
34 Ramp.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
36 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
37 Captain Herbert "Herb" Lee Emory and to the Department of Transportation.