

## Senate Resolution 418

By: Senators Ligon, Jr. of the 3rd and Carter of the 1st

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Fernando Joseph Torras and dedicating a road in his memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Fernando Joseph Torras was born in 1885 in Brunswick, Georgia, and  
4 during his lifetime he played a vital role in leadership and demonstrated a deep personal  
5 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia and Glynn County; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Torras served as Brunswick's city manager and was the main engineer for  
7 the causeway that was completed in 1924 to connect Brunswick to St. Simons Island and Sea  
8 Island; and

9 WHEREAS, a graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology, Mr. Torras built rail lines,  
10 bridges, and roads in the jungles of South America before tackling the causeway project  
11 which alleviated the need for an hour ferry ride to get to St. Simons from the mainland; and

12 WHEREAS, at a time when others thought the construction of a causeway was impossible,  
13 Mr. Torras had the foresight and experience to realize that the soft mud of the marsh beds  
14 could be dredged to make a stable roadbed; and

15 WHEREAS, the causeway was completed and open to vehicular traffic on June 26, 1924,  
16 after one year and one month of construction and was recognized as an engineering feat of  
17 history; and

18 WHEREAS, the building of the causeway was an entirely local project which was  
19 undertaken by the 25,000 people of Glynn County without state or federal aid; and

20 WHEREAS, during his role as city manager, Mr. Torras oversaw the development of the  
21 Howard Coffin Recreation Center, the Edo Miller Ball Park, numerous public boat marinas,  
22 and other developments within Brunswick; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
24 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by naming a road in his  
25 memory.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that GA25-Spur E. from Brunswick to St. Simons Island in  
28 Glynn County is dedicated as the F.J. Torras Causeway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the F.J. Torras Causeway.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
32 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the family of Mr. Fernando Joseph Torras  
33 and to the Department of Transportation.