

Senate Resolution 612

By: Senators James of the 35th, Davenport of the 44th, Tate of the 38th, Rhett of the 33rd, Orrock of the 36th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mayor Maynard Jackson and dedicating an interchange in his honor; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mayor Maynard Jackson has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson was born on March 23, 1938, in Dallas, Texas, the beloved son
7 of Maynard H. Jackson, Sr., a minister, and Irene Dobbs Jackson, a French professor; and

8 WHEREAS, a graduate of Morehouse College, Mayor Jackson earned his law degree at
9 North Carolina Central University and worked as an attorney for the National Labor
10 Relations Board and a legal services firm in the late 1960s; and

11 WHEREAS, Mayor Jackson was elected vice mayor of Atlanta in 1969, a role later modified
12 to be the president of the city council, and in 1973 he was elected mayor of Atlanta, the first
13 Black mayor of a large southern city; and

14 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, he increased participation of minority owned
15 businesses in municipal contracts, facilitated the construction of a new terminal at Hartsfield
16 Atlanta International Airport, transformed the police department, and promoted involvement
17 of the public in neighborhood planning; and

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

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
21 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 75/Interstate 85 and State
22 Route 10 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Maynard Jackson Interchange.

23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
24 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Maynard Jackson Interchange.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mayor
27 Maynard Jackson and to the Department of Transportation.