

Senate Resolution 665

By: Senator Tippins of the 37th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the lives of C.W. and Myrtle Matthews and dedicating a road in their memory; and
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. C.W. Matthews moved to Cobb County, Georgia, in 1941 and worked for
4 Florence Grading Company of Powder Springs, which was the grading contractor for Air
5 Force Plant #6, also known as Bell Bomber Plant, which eventually became
6 Lockheed-Georgia; and

7 WHEREAS, the son of hardworking parents, Mr. Matthews attained only an eighth-grade
8 education but had triple doctorates in character, work ethic, and common sense, with his
9 example inspiring many to enter business for themselves; and

10 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
11 States Army Corps of Engineers during World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, upon his return to Cobb County after the war, Mr. Matthews began C.W.
13 Matthews Contracting Company, Inc., which he grew to one of the premier and most
14 respected highway contracting companies in the Southeast; and

15 WHEREAS, Mrs. Myrtle Matthews was the pillar of support and encouragement for her
16 husband throughout the company's birth and growth; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Matthews was known to attribute his great success to hiring people who
18 were smarter than he was and who possessed the character traits that allowed him to trust
19 them in the presence of his family; and

20 WHEREAS, from the prosperity generated by his hard work and by the blessings of God,
21 Mr. and Mrs. Matthews generously supported many churches, charitable works, and needy
22 people in and beyond Cobb County; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
24 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
26 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 120/Dallas Highway from John
27 Ward Road to Barrett Parkway in Cobb County is dedicated as the C.W. and Myrtle
28 Matthews Memorial Highway.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the C.W. and Myrtle Matthews
31 Memorial Highway.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
34 C.W. and Myrtle Matthews and to the Department of Transportation.