

Senate Resolution 682

By: Senator Strickland of the 17th

### A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing Mrs. Cheri Hobson-Matthews and Mr. Andrew Jackson Welch III and  
2 dedicating an interchange in their honor; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mrs. Cheri Hobson-Matthews and Mr. Andrew Jackson Welch III have long  
4 been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that they have played in  
5 leadership and their deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mrs. Hobson-Matthews began her career with Henry County in 2002 as a  
7 planner and served as chief planner, director and assistant director of planning and zoning,  
8 director of transportation planning, interim division director for community development,  
9 and deputy county manager prior to her current position as county manager; and

10 WHEREAS, a graduate and Eisenhower Fellow of Alabama A&M University,  
11 Mrs. Hobson-Matthews earned both bachelor's and master's degrees from the university and  
12 has been a member of the American Planning Association since 1995; and

13 WHEREAS, a graduate of Presbyterian College, Mr. Welch served as a United States Peace  
14 Corps Volunteer in Ghana, West Africa, and earned a master's degree and law degree from

15 Vermont Law School, where he served as editor-in-chief of the school's environmental law  
16 journal; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Welch diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his  
18 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state, as evidenced  
19 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Georgia General Assembly as a  
20 state representative for Henry County; and

21 WHEREAS, both Mrs. Hobson-Matthews and Mr. Welch have served with honor and  
22 distinction on behalf of the citizens of Henry County, and their vision and unyielding  
23 commitment have set the standard for public service; and

24 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished  
25 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in their honor.

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of Interstate 75 at Bethlehem Road  
28 (GDOT Project #0017182) in Henry County is dedicated as the Cheri Hobson-Matthews and  
29 Andrew Jackson Welch III Interchange.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Cheri Hobson-Matthews and  
32 Andrew Jackson Welch III Interchange.

33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
34 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Mrs. Cheri  
35 Hobson-Matthews, Mr. Andrew Jackson Welch III, and the Department of Transportation.