

Senate Resolution 774

By: Senator Orrock of the 36th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston and dedicating an intersection in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston was born on March 30, 1915, in Lanette,
4 Alabama, the youngest of 11 siblings born to Hope and Mary Winston; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Washington High School in Atlanta, Georgia, Mr. Winston
6 attended Clark College and dedicated his life to enriching and uplifting young children at the
7 historic Butler Street YMCA, which served as the only Black YMCA in the city; and

8 WHEREAS, while at the Butler Street YMCA, he served as a mentor to future leaders such
9 as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Vernon Jordan, Jesse Hill, Herman Russell, Maynard Jackson,
10 Walt Frazier, Ambassador Andrew Young, and countless others; and

11 WHEREAS, his contributions to the community were recognized in 1995 when the Butler
12 Street YMCA constructed a new branch and named the facility the J.D. Winston YMCA; and

13 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Winston was an active and faithful
14 member of the Second Mt. Zion Baptist Church, where he served in numerous capacities,
15 including as a Sunday school teacher; and

16 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
17 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 154/Memorial Drive and
20 Capitol Avenue Southeast in Fulton County is dedicated as the J.D. Winston Memorial
21 Intersection.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
23 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the J.D. Winston Memorial
24 Intersection.

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
27 Mr. Joseph Donald "J.D." Winston and to the Department of Transportation.