

## A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

### **PART I**

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the Vietnam War demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Vietnam veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, these individuals embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

### **PART II**

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, both Major General William "Bill" K. Gayler and Brigadier General John "Pete" P. Johnson have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, the son of Max and Pat Gayler of Chattoogaville, Georgia, Major General Gayler graduated from North Georgia College, entered the United States Armed Forces in the aviation branch, and currently serves as Deputy Commanding General, U.S. Army Europe, and Commander, U.S. Army NATO, in Wiesbaden, Germany; and

WHEREAS, the son of Paulie and Aurora Johnson of Chattoogaville, Georgia, Brigadier General Johnson graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point, entered the United States Armed Forces in the infantry branch, and currently serves as Director, Training Directorate, G3/5/7 Operations and Plans, United States Department of the Army at the Pentagon; and

WHEREAS, both men served tours in Iraq, Afghanistan, and other combat areas; have commanded companies, battalions, and brigades; and have served in the position of Chief of Staff, 101st Air Assault Division; and

WHEREAS, both Major General Gayler and Brigadier General Johnson were promoted to the rank of Brigadier General at the same time, had fathers who were neighbors and close friends growing up in Chattoogaville, and come from military families; and

WHEREAS, the Gayler and Johnson families have a combined 155 years and counting of military service to this nation; and

WHEREAS, Major General Gayler and Brigadier General Johnson embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished Americans be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their honor.

### **PART III**

WHEREAS, Mr. L. Wesley Smith was born in Whitwell, Tennessee, to J.W. and Billie Faye Moiser Smith but called Ringgold, Georgia, home for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was widely recognized for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated his career to the banking industry for more than 50 years, starting as a bank teller for Pioneer Bank in 1965 and retiring as CEO and chairman of Northwest Georgia Bank where he served on the board for as long as his health permitted; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a former chairman of the Georgia Bankers Association and also served on the American Bankers Association Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, he understood and demonstrated the importance of serving one's community by serving as deacon at several area churches and also was a member of Gathering Church in Fort Oglethorpe; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith was a strong community supporter and civic leader, helping to found the Catoosa County Chamber of Commerce and through his leadership the Northwest Georgia Bank Foundation donated more than \$1 million to local charities and constructed the Northwest Georgia Bank Amphitheatre; and

WHEREAS, he served as treasurer for Governor Nathan Deal's gubernatorial campaign and served on his transition team; and

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

#### **PART IV**

WHEREAS, Mr. Walter Frazier, Jr., was also known by teammates, coaches, opponents, and fans by the nickname "Clyde" which was derived from the famed robber Clyde Barrow of Bonnie and Clyde due to his precision in stealing the basketball from opponents; and

WHEREAS, the eldest of nine children, Mr. Frazier graduated from Howard High School in Atlanta, where he excelled as a quarterback of the football team and a catcher on the baseball team; and

WHEREAS, he accepted a basketball scholarship to Southern Illinois University and earned All American honors as a senior; and

WHEREAS, he was a first round draft pick for the New York Knicks in the 1987 NBA draft, and during his rookie year, Mr. Frazier and his teammate, Phil Jackson, were named to the NBA All-Rookie Team; and

WHEREAS, known for his amazing peripheral vision and quick hands, Mr. Frazier's skill and leadership helped the New York Knicks earn NBA Championship titles in 1970 and 1973; and

WHEREAS, considered one of the best players in the history of the NBA, Mr. Frazier was named to the All-NBA First Team four times, the All-NBA Second Team two times, and the All Defensive First Team seven times; and

WHEREAS, this seven-time NBA All-Star was named All-Star Most Valuable Player in 1975 and elected into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 1987; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

#### **PART V**

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Private Lonnie S. Rhinehart demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously defending his fellow citizens during World War II in Germany; and

WHEREAS, Private Rhinehart was in battle for 19 days and was 19 years old when he was killed on January 20, 1945; and

WHEREAS, Private Rhinehart embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

#### **PART VI**

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he was injured in a terrorist attack on the Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, and died from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the Navy for his selfless display of bravery and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

#### **PART VII**

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Charles W. Bradshaw demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he was wounded in action while serving in the Korean War on March 20, 1953, and died from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Bradshaw was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the United States Marine Corps for his selfless display of bravery and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Private First Class Bradshaw embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

#### **PART VIII**

WHEREAS, Senator Michael Polak is widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he plays in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Senator Polak served ten years in the Georgia State Senate and Georgia House of Representatives, where he played a pivotal role serving the citizens of Georgia, was elected and re-elected five times by the citizens of DeKalb County, and retired in 2002; and

WHEREAS, Senator Polak was recognized for his legislative efforts by a broad spectrum of organizations with more than 20 Legislator of the Year and Leadership awards for his commitment to improving the lives of Georgians, especially senior citizens, veterans, children in foster care, individuals living with disabilities, and the economically disadvantaged; and

WHEREAS, known by his fellow members of the General Assembly as the father of ethics in Georgia, Senator Polak was recognized as a leader in calling for ethics and campaign finance reform, on which many of Georgia's current laws are based; and

WHEREAS, as a freshman in the Senate he was one of a few in history to receive a chairmanship position during his first term; and

WHEREAS, as chairman of the Senate Science, Technology, and Defense Committee and Sub Committee on Appropriations for Science and Technology, Senator Polak became a leader in technology policy, paving the way for secure digital transactions, as well as the creation of the Georgia Technology Authority; and

WHEREAS, one of his more significant, yet not well known, achievements includes his authorship and successful passage of legislation as a member of the House of Representatives to place Governor Zell Miller's HOPE Scholarship program into law, which stands as one of the most significant educational initiatives in the history of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, his time in the General Assembly was marked by his thoughtful deliberation and willingness to cross party lines, challenge the status quo, and persevere difficult challenges facing Georgia citizens; and

WHEREAS, Senator Polak has continued his commitment to Georgia and sharing his passion for politics as an adjunct professor teaching political science at the Georgia Institute of Technology; and

WHEREAS, he lives in Decatur, Georgia, and has been united in love and marriage to his wife, Holly Lanford, for 22 wonderful years and been blessed with two remarkable sons, Chase and Joshua; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a bridge in his former legislative district in his honor.

### **PART IX**

WHEREAS, the Nacoochee Valley was the point of intersection of two major trails used by early Native Americans, where a settlement was formed called Little Chota; and

WHEREAS, the Unicoi Trail passed through the Valley across Unicoi Gap going to Hiawasse, North Carolina, East Tennessee, and then Kentucky, and the Rabun Trail began with Coosa to Tugaloo River, Sautee Creek, and Bean Creek and then entered the Valley, exiting at Dukes Creek to Dahlonega then Northeast Alabama; and

WHEREAS, the Sautee Valley, adjacent to the Nacoochee Valley, has its center point at Highway 255 and Lynch Mountain Road; and

WHEREAS, a toll road was constructed by early settlers on the Unicoi Trail through the Cherokee Nation and was called the Unicoi Turnpike; and

WHEREAS, gold was first discovered in 1828 in the Valley, then a part of Habersham County, and in 1857, White County was cut out of Habersham; gold mining companies were given permission by the Georgia Legislature in 1858 to put in hydraulic mining techniques in the Valley; and

WHEREAS, Governor Hardman acquired the Nichols-Hunnicut Hardman Estate with a home and the Cherokee Native American Burial Mound in the Nacoochee Valley in 1903, which is still one of the most photographed sites in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, massive timber companies operated in the Valley in the early twentieth century, and in the 1920s, the Smithsonian Museum excavated the Nacoochee Mound in the Valley and found Cherokee Native American artifacts; and

WHEREAS, in the 1970s, the City of Helen was regenerated and turned into an Alpine Village, bringing with it a huge influx of visitors to the Nacoochee Valley; and

WHEREAS, the Nacoochee Valley in White County with approximately 25,000 acres was added to the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of Interior in 1980; in 1986, the Sautee Valley with 10,000 acres was added to the National Register of Historic Places; and

WHEREAS, the Sautee Nacoochee Community Association was then formed as a private, nonprofit organization with a mission to protect the Valley's preservation and is housed in a schoolhouse on the former Nacoochee Institute site; and

WHEREAS, the Sautee and Nacoochee Valleys were designated in the 1980s as one of the 100 Best Small Arts Communities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these historic areas and important locations be recognized by dedicating three roads in their honor.

## **PART X**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the passing of Sheriff Dewey George Seagraves; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves was born in Madison County in 1906 and was a cotton farmer and part-time bailiff before he was elected to serve as sheriff of Madison County in 1950; and

WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to protecting and serving the citizens of Madison County from 1950 until his retirement in 1972, with his tenure as sheriff standing as the longest in the county's history; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves was known as a "people's sheriff," often going above and beyond the call of duty to provide assistance and a helping hand; and



WHEREAS, a fair but firm man, he was known to bring someone home who had done wrong instead of placing them in jail, giving them a stern warning and life lesson; and

WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that an intersection is named in his memory.

#### **PART XI**

WHEREAS, a historic natural landmark, Currahee Mountain is the first mountain in the Appalachian Range and was designated the edge of the western frontier of America in 1784; and

WHEREAS, "Currahee" is a Cherokee Indian word meaning "stands alone"; and

WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain was the site chosen as the home of Camp Toccoa, the World War II training camp for paratroopers; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1942, Camp Toccoa was the training site for more than 17,000 paratroopers from the 501st, 506th, 511th, and 517th parachute infantry divisions; and

WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain served as a backdrop for films, documentaries, and books about the 6,000 "Toccoa Men" who successfully completed paratrooper training, including *Band of Brothers*, *Saving Private Ryan*, and *The Dirty Dozen*; and

WHEREAS, "Currahee" was the battle cry for the 506th Parachute Infantry Regiment; and

WHEREAS, Currahee Mountain is home of the legendary "3 miles up, 3 miles down" training run; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a parkway be dedicated to honor the rich history and tradition of this location.

#### **PART XII**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Bobby Mathis on December 28, 2015; and

WHEREAS, a native of Talbot County, Georgia, Trooper Mathis served as a member of the Executive Detail of the Georgia State Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Trooper Mathis devoted countless hours to protecting Governor Nathan Deal and the first family, always with a warm attitude and friendly smile and demeanor; and

WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties; and

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

### **PART XIII**

WHEREAS, the seeds which were sown by the loving and humble efforts of the devoted original worshipers of Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church have blossomed, establishing a rich tradition and history; and

WHEREAS, organized in Rockmart, Georgia, in 1866, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church is recognized by the Paulding County Historical Society as the oldest African American church in Paulding County; and

WHEREAS, the congregation of this church has compiled an unparalleled record of constructive, compassionate, and humanitarian service which it demonstrates daily through open minds, open hearts, and open doors; and

WHEREAS, currently led by Reverend Cord Franklin, Sr., Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church has grown under the divine direction of numerous pastors over the years, allowing the Word of God to spread throughout the community; and

WHEREAS, Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church has hosted town hall meetings to strengthen ties between the community and law enforcement, has held clothing drives, and has conducted quality of life seminars; and

WHEREAS, the members of Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church have a sincere desire to serve the Lord and are wholeheartedly committed to spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that a road be dedicated to honor the rich history and tradition of this church.

#### **PART XIV**

WHEREAS, Mr. Lovett Stovall is a national social change trailblazer, influential political strategist, and entrepreneur who has become a well-known leader in Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall was born June 5, 1940, in Atlanta, Georgia, the sixth of 12 children, to the beloved Crowder and Mandie Florence Dodson Stovall; and

WHEREAS, he spent his youth in the historic Pittsburgh community and was educated in the Atlanta public school system at W.H. Crogman Elementary and Luther Judson Price High schools; and

WHEREAS, his accomplishments and dedication to communities on the south side of Atlanta and in surrounding areas span over five decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall began his work as a community and political dynamo where he championed economic and educational equality; he organized the restructuring of the Fulton County and Georgia Young Democrats to engage young people across Georgia in the political process, earning him the Young Man of the Year Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, he was a special advisor to Atlanta Mayor Maynard H. Jackson for 12 years where he spearheaded engagement programs, housing opportunities, youth leadership programs, summer jobs, and the first Atlanta city-wide Christmas party which collectively serviced over 20,000 metro Atlanta residents; and

WHEREAS, he served as a founding committee member of the building of the Coca-Cola Lakewood Amphitheatre and a founding member of the Lakewood Oversight Committee, which established the Lakewood Finance Committee that funds surrounding communities of the Lakewood Amphitheatre; and

WHEREAS, this tireless community servant was instrumental in securing \$1.5 million to build Carver YMCA and served on the City of Atlanta Empowerment Zone Committee, on the official planning committee for the Summerhill Reunion, and as Neighborhood Planning Unit-Y Chairperson; and he served and founded numerous community organizations and athletic programs; and

WHEREAS, he also served on the City of Atlanta Community Relations Board where he led the Atlanta Braves' Good Neighbor Program, which provided services for over 40,000 metro Atlanta residents; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall served as President or member of the Parent Teacher Association for several schools over the span of a decade, demonstrating his commitment to the education of his daughters; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, he and his wife, Nancy, started L&N Sales, which later became Stovall's T-shirts, a commercial printing company that held contracts with more than 100 national and international businesses and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall founded the retail operations firm, Stovall Enterprises, in 1990, which managed the logistical and retail operations of the 1996 Olympic Games and many retail operations; the firm has achieved gross sales of well over \$30 million and employed over 1,000 people; he also co-founded YSS Cleaning Services which employed thousands of metro Atlanta residents for projects at the Atlanta Fulton County Stadium; and

WHEREAS, he is the co-founder, served as president for ten years, and is currently the president emeritus of the Big Red Homecoming Reunion, an annual event which reunites over 1,500 alumni of L.J. Price Middle School on school grounds to perform community service work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stovall married Nancy Cater Stovall in 1964 and has three daughters and seven grandchildren; he studied business management and was a football starter at Fort Valley State College; he is a deacon and lifelong member of Holy Temple Baptist Church, Paradise Church of God in Christ, and Abundant Life Church of God in Christ; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Bro. Stovall," he is a member of the International Masons & Eastern Stars, the founder of and past Worshipful Master for King James Lodge #121 and Eldrin Bell Lodge #155, past Worshipful Master for William V. Banks Lodge #104, and a 32nd degree Shriner; and

WHEREAS, he is a family man and has a heart for the people as an avid community organizer, networker, liaison, vocal and action leader, mentor, motivator, willing supporter, uplifter, and encourager of people no matter their economic hardship or status; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

#### **PART XV**

WHEREAS, Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr., demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States military, valiantly and courageously serving in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, Mr. Mathews established the Watson-Mathews Funeral Home and an ambulance service in Montezuma, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he assisted members of the community during times of need and sorrow for more than 40 years and owned and operated Mathews Memorials and Vault Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mathews served as county coroner, a Master of Traveler's Rest Lodge #65 F&M, and a member and president of the Montezuma Kiwanis Club, Macon County Housing Authority, American Legion Post #124, and VFW Post #6442; and

WHEREAS, he was a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason and a member of Al Sihah Shrine Center, National Funeral Directors Association, Georgia Academy of Graduate Embalmers, and Georgia Funeral Directors Association; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Mathews was a member of Montezuma United Methodist Church and the Baracca Sunday School Class; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

#### **PART XVI**

WHEREAS, Mr. Colquitt George "C.G." Russell was widely recognized for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Camden County, Georgia, Mr. Russell was educated in the Camden County School System and attended business school in Jacksonville, Florida; and

WHEREAS, he owned and operated Russell Chevrolet-Buick in Kingsland from 1932 to 1984 and served as United States Postmaster for the city from 1936 to 1943; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Russell was a member of the Kingsland Methodist Church, Kingsland Lion's Club, Kingsland Masonic Lodge, Civil Air Patrol, and Quiet Birdmen Pilot Society; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Camden County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Russell was instrumental in the approval of five interchanges for the county during the construction of Interstate 95 and the approval for an increased height for the bridge over St. Mary's River, which was critical to allow large boat access to protected waters during hurricanes and other storms; and

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

## **PART XVII**

WHEREAS, Mr. Jesse Rouse served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, a leader in Lincoln County, Mr. Rouse served as president of the Twilight Improvement Association, a clearing-house for the presentation, review, and study of problems facing the citizens of Lincoln County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, under Mr. Rouse's leadership and guidance, the Twilight Improvement Association received federal funds for emergency food and medical services for residents of Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rouse organized a senior citizens program and established a transportation program for senior citizens in the county; and

WHEREAS, he was responsible for acquiring scholarship funding for six local college students and organized several voter registration drives and voter forums; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

#### **PART XVIII**

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

WHEREAS, veterans of the Vietnam War demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

WHEREAS, these brave men and women served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

WHEREAS, it is important that Vietnam veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States; and

WHEREAS, these individuals embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored appropriately.

#### **PART XIX**

WHEREAS, Mr. Carl Dykes was widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a native of Toombs County, Georgia, Mr. Dykes graduated from Toombs County High School; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously protecting Americans during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dykes built the first grocery store in Hinesville in 1948 and was the co-owner of D and D supermarket on Jekyll Island; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to his constituents as a member of the Georgia State Senate, ably and adeptly representing the people of the 2nd District, and for 12 years as Mayor of Hinesville; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure as Mayor, the City of Hinesville enjoyed a period of stability during an explosive growth in population; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were invaluable to several local organizations, including the American Legion Post 168, Knights of Pythias, and the Lions Club of Hinesville; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

## **PART XX**

WHEREAS, in the mid-1940s, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lex McLarry purchased an establishment located along a near 90-degree curve at the intersection of Old Sunbury Road and U.S. Highway 84/State Route 38 in Flemington, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the structure, dubbed McLarry's, was a combination café and service station well before 'self-service' became any everyday term; eventually a lube rack and car wash station were added to the building; and

WHEREAS, for years, McLarry's was the place for local citizens to gather for a bite to eat, fill up their motor vehicle with gasoline, discuss the latest news or gossip, or exchange tall tales of fishing or hunting expeditions; and



WHEREAS, with swiveling stools at the counter, juke boxes affixed to each table, and a hot grill serving fresh hamburgers, McLarry's was the locale for everything from an after-game victory gathering of local high school football fans and players to a venue for local attorneys to meet and discuss strategies; and

WHEREAS, a humble establishment on a huge curve in the road, McLarry's proudly served patrons for 25 years before closing its doors; and

WHEREAS, though McLarry's is no longer in business, locals still refer to the curve just outside Fort Stewart as McLarry's Curve and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this road be dedicated to honor this rich history and tradition.

### **PART XXI**

WHEREAS, Mr. James Slaton "Jay" Shaw was widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw attended Abraham Baldwin Agriculture College before establishing The Jay Shaw Company, a real estate and insurance agency focused on providing financial support and involvement for communities in and around his hometown of Lakeland, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted his time, talents, and energy to his constituents as a member of the House of Representatives for 17 years as a representative for House District 176 and chairman of the community health subcommittee for the House Committee on Appropriations; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw served as mayor of Lakeland for ten years, a position in which his leadership and diplomacy were instrumental in advancing the city's position in the region and preserving Banks Lake as a historic landmark; and

WHEREAS, he served on the State Transportation Board from 2010 to 2015 and led the board as chairman in 2013; and

WHEREAS, during his time serving this state, Mr. Shaw focused on advancing healthcare in rural areas, improving Georgia's transportation system, and promoting balance and positive reform; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Shaw was a trustee and board member of Unity United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, his legacy lives on through his wife of 45 years, Libby Shaw; his devoted sons and daughters-in-law, Jason, Sam, Katy, and Christa; and his adoring grandchildren, Jenna, Brady, Anne Harvey, and Slaton; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary life of this distinguished Georgian be recognized by dedicating a road in his honor.

## **PART XXII**

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. Robert Keith Futch on January 26, 1980; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Futch was born on January 31, 1959, in Nashville, Georgia, the beloved son of Lace and Britta Futch; and

WHEREAS, he grew up in Willacoochee, Georgia, where, as a small child, he loved spending time on the river, hunting, and fishing; and

WHEREAS, affectionately known by family and friends as "Mullet," Mr. Futch was a stellar athlete in high school, where he played softball and football and demonstrated great leadership as a member of Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

## **PART XXIII**

WHEREAS, Dr. Robert T. Bussey was born on January 28, 1947, in Waycross, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Center High School, Dr. Bussey earned a bachelor's degree from Morris Brown College, a master's degree from Valdosta State University, and a doctoral degree from Nova Southeastern University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Bussey dedicated his career to inspiring and educating the future leaders of this state as a teacher at Ava Street School, a principal at Center Junior High School, and a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at Waycross High School; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance were instrumental in his work with the League of Professional Schools, Ware County Children and Youth Council, the Department of Educational Leadership at Valdosta State University, Partners in Education, Ware County American Heart Association, 100 Black Men of Southeast Georgia, Leadership 21, and the Ware County Chamber of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, during his prestigious 36-year career in education, Dr. Bussey was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the Katherine A. Foss Educator of the Year Award and Metlife/NASSP State 2003 Principal of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

#### **PART XXIV**

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WHEREAS, U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he was injured in a terrorist attack on the Navy Operational Support Center in Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, and died from his injuries; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith was posthumously awarded the Purple Heart by the Navy for his selfless display of bravery and sacrifice; and

WHEREAS, Petty Officer Smith embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished American be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

## **PART XXV**

WHEREAS, Mr. Frank Cathey is widely recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a native of Mountain City, Georgia, Mr. Cathey was a dedicated farmer who operated an apple orchard which had been in his family for 100 years; and

WHEREAS, he operated the Valley Pharmacy in Dillard, Georgia, for 43 years, where he was a pillar of the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cathey dedicated his time, talents, and efforts to his community and this state through his work with the Rabun County Board of Education, the board of directors for Regions Bank in Clayton, the advisory committee for the Federal Land Bank, and the North Georgia Technical School Foundation; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

## **PART XXVI**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Highway 129 over Ivy Log Creek in Blairsville is dedicated as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that Highway 114 from Lyerly, Georgia, to the Alabama state line is dedicated as the Generals Gayler & Johnson Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Highway 41 and Georgia Highway 151 in Catoosa County is dedicated as the L. Wesley Smith Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that US 278/Ponce de Leon Avenue from the intersection with Piedmont Avenue to the intersection with State Route 10/Freedom Parkway in Fulton County is dedicated as the Walt Frazier Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Highway 41 in Catoosa County is dedicated as the Private Lonnie S. Rhinehart Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Lakeshore Drive in Catoosa County is dedicated as the U.S. Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Cove Road and Camp Road in Walker County is dedicated as the PFC Charles W. Bradshaw Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 8/State Route 10 over Lullwater Creek in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Michael Polak Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia 255 North from Georgia 17 to Covered Bridge Road, the portion of Georgia 17 from Joe Brown Pike Bridge to Helen Highway, and the portion of Helen Highway from Dukes Creek Crossing to 7300 Helen Highway in White County are dedicated as the Sautee Nacoochee Arts and Heritage District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. 29/State Route 8/General Daniels Avenue and State Route 98/Comer Road in Madison County is dedicated as the Sheriff Dewey G. Seagraves Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 17 from the intersection with Interstate 85 to the intersection with Interstate 985 in Stephens, Franklin, and Habersham counties is dedicated as the Currahee Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Highway 80/State Route 22 and Drane Matthews Road/George Smith Road in Talbot County is dedicated as the Trooper Bobby Mathis Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 101 from the intersection with State Route 120/Buchanan Highway north to the Paulding County line is dedicated as the Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 75 at the University Avenue exit in Fulton County is dedicated as the Lovett Stovall Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 224 from the intersection with State Route 90/Spalding Road to the intersection with East Railroad Street in Macon County is dedicated as the Walter M. Mathews, Jr., Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the interchange at the State Route 40 and Interstate 95 exit in Camden County is dedicated as the Colquitt George "C.G." Russell Memorial Interchange.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 79 over Fishing Creek in Lincoln County is dedicated as the Jesse Rouse Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 10/U.S.78 from the intersection of State Route 383 to the interchange of State Route 415 in Richmond County is dedicated as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 38 Connector/General Screven Way from U.S. Highway 84/State Route 38/State Route 196 to the gates of Fort Stewart Military Base in Liberty County is dedicated as the Carl Dykes Memorial Way.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 84/State Route 38 from mile post 8.30 to mile post 8.55 in Liberty County is dedicated as McLarry's Curve.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 22/State Route 31 from the intersection of State Route 11 and State Route 31 in Lakeland to the intersection of State Route 7 and State Route 31 in Valdosta in Lowndes County is dedicated as the James Slaton "Jay" Shaw Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 135/S. Peterson Street at the Alapaha River Overflow, 3 miles south of Willacoochee, Georgia, at mile 0.27 in Atkinson County is dedicated as the Robert Keith Futch Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 84/S.R. 38/Victory Drive in Waycross, Georgia, from the intersection with U.S. 1/U.S. 23/U.S. 82/U.S. 84/S.R. 4/S.R. 38/S.R. 52/S. Georgia Parkway to the intersection with Wadley Road and Glenmore Avenue in Ware County is dedicated as the Dr. Robert T. Bussey Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Battlefield Parkway and Lakeshore Drive in Catoosa County is dedicated as the U.S. Navy Petty Officer Randall Smith Memorial Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 441/U.S. 23/S.R. 15 from the southern city limits of Mountain City northward to the boundary line between Georgia and North Carolina is dedicated as the Frank Cathey Memorial Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation; to the family of Mr. L. Wesley Smith; Private Lonnie S. Rhinehart; U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith; Private First Class Charles W. Bradshaw; Sheriff Dewey George Seagraves; Trooper Bobby Mathis; Mr. Walter M. Mathews, Jr.; Mr. Colquitt George "C.G." Russell; Mr. Jesse Rouse; Mr. Carl Dykes; Mr. James Slaton "Jay" Shaw; Mr. Robert Keith Futch; Dr. Robert T. Bussey; U.S. Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Randall Smith; and Mr. Frank Cathey; and to Major General William "Bill" K. Gayler; Brigadier General John "Pete" P. Johnson; Mr. Walter Frazier, Jr.; Mr. Michael Polak; Mt. Olivet Missionary Baptist Church; and Mr. Lovett Stovall.