

Senate Resolution 993

By: Senator Sims of the 12th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. Fred James Taylor and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Fred James Taylor was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital
4 role he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens
5 of Georgia; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor grew up on a farm, played on a state champion high school
7 basketball team, and served as student body president of his class at South Georgia College;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
10 States Air Force, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
11 Korean War as a sergeant; and

12 WHEREAS, a fearless entrepreneur, Mr. Taylor started his first business with \$95 in Ocilla,
13 Georgia, and went on to found Georgia Mack Sales, now Transpower, Inc., and Interstate
14 Warehouse Services of Albany and Thomasville and served as owner of Choakee Plantation
15 in Lee County; and

16 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were instrumental to numerous organizations,
17 including the Albany Chamber of Commerce, City of Albany Aviation Commission, Georgia
18 Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors for SunTrust Bank of Southeast Georgia, and
19 Georgia Motor Trucking Association; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor served as chief of staff to Governor George Busbee from 1974 to
21 1982 and was instrumental in the passage of Constitutional Amendment #2 which allowed
22 Governor Busbee to be the first Georgia governor to seek and win a second consecutive term
23 of office; and

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

26 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
27 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on State Route 32 over the Flint River in
28 Lee County is dedicated as the Fred James Taylor Memorial Bridge.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
30 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Fred James Taylor Memorial
31 Bridge.

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 Mr. Fred James Taylor and to the Department of Transportation.