

House Resolution 346 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Tankersley of the 160th, Carson of the 46th, Hitchens of the 161st, Burns of the 159th, and Parrish of the 158th

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, the lives of five nursing students from Georgia Southern University, Caitlyn
4 Baggett, Morgan Bass, Emily Clark, Abbie Deloach, and Catherine McKay Pittman, were
5 tragically cut short on Interstate 16 on April 22, 2015; and

6 WHEREAS, Caitlyn Baggett transferred to Georgia Southern University from East Georgia
7 State College, and this junior nursing student had a great love for children and planned to
8 work as a pediatric nurse; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Millen, Georgia, Caitlyn was known by many as a small town girl
10 with a big personality and was a member of Oak Hill Baptist Church; and

11 WHEREAS, Morgan Bass was from Leesburg, Georgia, and was a member of the Alpha
12 Omicron Pi Sorority; and

13 WHEREAS, a compassionate and kind young woman, Morgan planned on becoming a nurse
14 anesthetist and wanted to work with babies; and

15 WHEREAS, a native of Powder Springs, Georgia, Emily Clark graduated with honors from
16 Harrison High School, where she was a cheerleader and loved spending her free time
17 volunteering to help those less fortunate; and

18 WHEREAS, Emily maintained a 4.0 grade point average while at Georgia Southern
19 University, was on both the President's and Dean's lists, and was a member of the executive
20 council for Alpha Delta Pi Sorority; and

21 WHEREAS, Abbie Deloach was from Savannah, Georgia, and graduated from Savannah
22 Christian Preparatory School, where she earned varsity letters in basketball, volleyball, and
23 track; and

24 WHEREAS, while at Georgia Southern University, Abbie joined Kappa Delta Sorority as
25 a legacy, where her leadership skills shone as recommendation chairperson and a member
26 of the homecoming step team; and

27 WHEREAS, a junior from Alpharetta, Georgia, Catherine McKay Pittman graduated from
28 Milton High School, where she was an exemplary member of the school's soccer team; and

29 WHEREAS, Catherine was president of Alpha Delta Chi Sorority, was active in mission
30 work, and served as a student ambassador, hosting recruits and prospective students on
31 behalf of Georgia Southern University; and

32 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable Georgians be
33 recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in their memory.

34 **PART II**

35 WHEREAS, Mr. Patrick Price was born in Marietta, Georgia, the beloved son of Gene and
36 Paula Price; and

37 WHEREAS, Mr. Price was recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he
38 played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
39 Georgia as the Strategic Planning, Initiatives, and Innovations Coordinator for the State
40 Board of Pardons and Paroles; and

41 WHEREAS, a graduate of Lassiter High School, Mr. Price earned a bachelor's degree from
42 Kennesaw State University; and

43 WHEREAS, he passionately crusaded for the release of inmates who were wrongly serving
44 lengthy sentences for minor offenses and who met criteria under new legislation that made
45 them eligible for early release from prison; and

46 WHEREAS, known by many for his compassionate heart and bright smile, Mr. Price's
47 mission was to help inmates through his service as a peace officer and through his lobbying
48 efforts as a legislative liaison for the Board at the state capitol; and

49 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Price was an active member of First
50 Baptist Church of Woodstock where he taught fifth grade Sunday school and mentored
51 dozens of students for many years; and

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

55 **PART III**

56 WHEREAS, Mr. James Bland, Sr., was born on December 3, 1921, and was a well-known
57 and beloved farmer in Clay County; and

58 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bland served as a longtime member and
59 deacon at St. James AME Church and later joined the Pentecostal Church of God; and

60 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to Lula Bell McCrae in 1940, a union which
61 blessed him with five remarkable children, Eddie, Ruthie, Curtis, James, and Minnie; and

62 WHEREAS, Mr. Bland was a devoted community leader, teaching many young people of
63 Clay County on the importance of nature and the great outdoors; and

64 WHEREAS, he served as a role model to others, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that
65 the outstanding accomplishments and contributions of this remarkable and distinguished
66 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

67 **PART IV**

68 WHEREAS, the G.L. Huff family of Gilmer County, Georgia, has a rich history and tradition
69 of service to the community; and

70 WHEREAS, Mr. G.L. Huff, Sr., was born on May 1, 1905, in Carroll County, Georgia, the
71 beloved son of William Levi Huff and Mary Elizabeth Bonner Huff; and

72 WHEREAS, Mr. Huff, Sr., served as mayor of the City of Ellijay, where his leadership and
73 foresight were instrumental in the city's purchase of a water treatment plant, construction of
74 a sewage treatment plant, and the building of a reservoir, helping to ensure adequate water
75 supply for the city during periods of population growth; and

76 WHEREAS, during his tenure as mayor, Mr. Huff, Sr., supported infrastructure expansion
77 through the paving of numerous streets and aided in housing development efforts by
78 approving the construction of low-rent and elderly housing as chairman of the Ellijay
79 Housing Authority; and

80 WHEREAS, born on August 25, 1928, Mr. G.L. Huff, Jr., was a pharmacist at Watson Drug
81 Store in Ellijay and went on to serve as co-owner of Ellijay Drug Store and Huff Bros., Inc.;
82 and

83 WHEREAS, Mr. Huff, Jr., played a major role in aviation in Gilmer County, building the
84 city's first airstrip in the 1960s; and

85 WHEREAS, he spearheaded the construction of and fundraising for a sports stadium for
86 Gilmer High School, named the Huff-Mosely Memorial Stadium; and

87 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished family
88 be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in its memory.

89 **PART V**

90 WHEREAS, Reverend John D. McDaniel was a longtime resident of Fannin County,
91 Georgia, where he lived until his passing in 1913; and

92 WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel served as Fannin County's first commissioner of education,
93 now known as county superintendent of schools, a position which required him to perform
94 certification tests for teachers, issue teaching licenses, assign teachers to particular schools,
95 advise teachers on job opportunities, and communicate information regarding county schools
96 to the public; and

97 WHEREAS, at the time he held this esteemed position, Fannin County had an average of
98 only one teacher per school and he earned a salary of roughly \$3 per day for his service; and

99 WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel represented Fannin County in the Georgia General
100 Assembly from 1893 to 1897 as a member of the House of Representatives where he gained
101 notoriety for his successful efforts to obtain national grave markers for Southerners who
102 served in the Civil War, a laudable feat given his known views as a pacifist; and

103 WHEREAS, he was a driving force behind the movement to change Fannin County's seat
104 from Morganton to Blue Ridge; and

105 WHEREAS, Reverend McDaniel secured funding for construction of the bridge at
106 Fightingtown Creek, which was often ravaged by floodwaters and so became known
107 throughout the area as the "Lost Bridge"; and

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

111 **PART VI**

112 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
113 citizens with the passing of Mr. Benjamin "Benny" Norton Whitaker on August 13, 2015;
114 and

115 WHEREAS, a native of Gilmer County, Georgia, Mr. Whitaker was born on
116 September 1, 1927, the beloved son of Cecil and Ovaline Norton Whitaker; and

117 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker was well known and respected for his leadership and guidance
118 as a Gilmer County commissioner and state representative for the 7th District; and

119 WHEREAS, known as the "Common Man Candidate" and "Common Sense Candidate," Mr.
120 Whitaker diligently and conscientiously served the citizens of Gilmer County as county
121 commissioner from 1972 to 1988 and as a state representative from 1992 to 1998; and

122 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitaker spent 28 years in the produce business, in which he developed
123 a fiscal responsibility which transferred to his leadership as a county and state representative,
124 where he demonstrated great care to save the county money; and

125 WHEREAS, he was instrumental in securing property for a new public library and the site
126 of Dalton State College satellite campus, helped oversee the building of the Whitepath Golf
127 Course and Gilmer County Civic Center, and worked with the state transportation board for
128 the construction of Highway 515; and

129 WHEREAS, his diligent efforts led to the extension of a natural gas line to Ellijay, the
130 organization of Gilmer County's first official fire department, and the construction of Gilmer
131 County's first senior citizen center; and

132 WHEREAS, during his tenure with the General Assembly, Mr. Whitaker sponsored
133 numerous pieces of legislation that uplifted the North Georgia mountain communities and
134 state, including the establishment of the Court-Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)
135 program, secured funding for court record modernization, and support of the North Georgia
136 Medical Center; and

137 WHEREAS, during his time with the General Assembly, Mr. Whitaker sponsored and led
138 the passage of a law requiring visible identification on all vehicles owned by the state; and

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

141 **PART VII**

142 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
143 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Chief Frank McClelland, Jr., in September,
144 2018; and

145 WHEREAS, Chief McClelland served as Police Chief for the City of Ludowici and was
146 highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials
147 as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law
148 enforcement; and

149 WHEREAS, Chief McClelland's life was cut short in the line of duty when a motorist fleeing
150 arrest lost control of his vehicle and struck this dedicated law enforcement officer as he was
151 directing the traveling public away from harm; and

152 WHEREAS, Chief McClelland exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
153 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and it is abundantly fitting
154 and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
155 dedicating a road in his memory.

156 **PART VIII**

157 WHEREAS, Mr. Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr., was born on April 19, 1945, in Americus,
158 Georgia, a beloved son of Jack and Yip Hanner; and

159 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
160 States Coast Guard, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the
161 Vietnam War; and

162 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanner was dedicated to a life of civil servitude; he was the vice president
163 of the Georgia Jaycees, the president of the local Jaycees, and a Georgia State Representative
164 from 1975 until his retirement in 2013; and

165 WHEREAS, he served on a number of committees during his time with the General
166 Assembly, including as Chairman of the Department of Natural Resources; Chairman of the
167 Game, Fish, and Parks Committee; and Chairman of the Reapportionment Committee; and

168 WHEREAS, his involvement with the board of the Terrell County Chamber of Commerce,
169 the Statewide Water Management Commission, and the Main Street Theater is further
170 testimony to his commitment to his community; and

171 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hanner was an active member of the First
172 Baptist Church of Dawson; and

173 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his wife, Linda, and was blessed with
174 three remarkable children, Robert, Jr., Jeff, and Matt; and two wonderful grandchildren,
175 Robert III and Maxwell; and

176 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
177 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
178 family and friends were admired by others; and

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

182 **PART IX**

183 WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas Morton Fort, Jr., was born on February 1, 1923, in Vienna,
184 Georgia, the beloved son of Gladys Davis Fort and Thomas Morton Fort, Sr., and owned and
185 operated Fort Oil Co., Inc., in Lumpkin, Georgia, until his retirement in 1989; and

186 WHEREAS, a graduate of Lumpkin High School, Mr. Fort attended North Georgia College
187 before volunteering to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
188 States Army Air Corps during World War II; and

189 WHEREAS, Mr. Fort was serving as a B-17 pilot based in Foggia, Italy, when his plane was
190 shot down on June 16, 1944, during a mission over Vienna and he was captured in
191 Yugoslavia; and

192 WHEREAS, this courageous and selfless American hero spent 11 months in prisoner of war
193 camps in Poland and Germany; and

194 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Fort was a member of Lumpkin United
195 Methodist Church and its administrative board; and

196 WHEREAS, Mr. Fort's leadership and guidance were instrumental to numerous
197 organizations, including the Dawson Camp of Gideons International, Georgia Department
198 of Ex-Prisoners of War, Valley Chapter of Ex-Prisoners of War, Andrew College Board of
199 Trustees, and Board of Directors for Farmers State Bank; and

200 WHEREAS, he was a 50 year member of both the Cross Lodge #173 F&AM and the
201 Lumpkin Lions Club; and

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

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PART X

206 WHEREAS, Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware, Sr., was born on April 7, 1930, in East Chicago,
207 Indiana, the beloved son of Claude, Sr., and Bettie Ware; and

208 WHEREAS, after successful careers at Teamsters and Georgia Power, Mr. Ware worked
209 tirelessly as a community leader and advocate; and

210 WHEREAS, he dedicated his time, talent, and energy to lobbying at the Georgia capitol and
211 in local communities to increase voter turnout and registered thousands of voters; and

212 WHEREAS, known for his signature white hat, Mr. Ware was a beloved advocate for
213 seniors, always ready to provide a voice for others in support of issues important to the aging
214 community; and

215 WHEREAS, Mr. Ware's tireless efforts were recognized with numerous accolades and
216 awards, including a Distinguished Older Georgian Award from the Georgia Council on
217 Aging and a Martha Eaves Award from the Atlanta Regional Commission; and

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

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PART XI

221 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
222 citizens with the passing of the Honorable Grace Wilkerson Davis on May 3, 2011; and

223 WHEREAS, Representative Davis was united in love and marriage to Curtis Davis and was
224 blessed with a remarkable son, Curtis Davis, Jr., two wonderful grandchildren, and two
225 adored great-grandchildren; and

226 WHEREAS, while in New York, Representative Davis got her first taste of politics while
227 working for the election of John Lindsay as the city's mayor in 1965; and

228 WHEREAS, she moved back to Georgia in the late 1960s and began working at WAOK
229 radio station as a controller and accountant, and she became involved with the Civil Rights
230 Movement after the leader of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Representative

231 Tyrone Brooks, along with other members showed up at the station to show support for the
232 African American staff; and

233 WHEREAS, she accompanied Representative Brooks and others in a motorcade to Plains to
234 protest President Jimmy Carter's firing of the United Nations Ambassador, Andrew Young;
235 and

236 WHEREAS, the Honorable Grace Davis was an outspoken advocate in the Georgia House
237 of Representatives from 1987 to 1998; and

238 WHEREAS, Representative Davis was credited with successfully shepherding a bill to
239 passage that slapped stiffer controls on mortgage refinance practices, which prevented
240 hundreds of low-income homeowners from losing their homes; and

241 WHEREAS, she also won passage of her bill to create a Georgia commission on the status
242 of women, which mandated the study of state laws and policies to recommend more educated
243 approaches for dealing with women's issues; and

244 WHEREAS, Representative Davis was appointed project director of the Aging Services
245 Division in Georgia's Department of Human Services, a position she held for four years; and

246 WHEREAS, she gave inspiration to many through her high ideals, morals, and deep concern
247 for her fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding she demonstrated to
248 her family and friends were admired by others; and

249 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous woman, Representative Davis will long be
250 remembered for her love of family and friendship, and this loyal daughter, wife, mother,
251 grandmother, great-grandmother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune
252 of knowing her; and

253 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
254 contributions of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by
255 dedicating a bridge in her memory.

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PART XII

257 WHEREAS, 600 Woodbine Thiokol Chemical Plant workers fulfilled America's sacred
258 obligation of supplying the United States military with vital munitions; and

259 WHEREAS, these dedicated patriots served as civilian contractors by manufacturing
260 munitions and deterrent gases for use by the United States Army during the Vietnam War;
261 and

262 WHEREAS, the munitions produced by these workers were utilized in three military arsenals
263 and saved the lives of countless American soldiers; and

264 WHEREAS, the Thiokol Plant workers supported the liberation of the people of South
265 Vietnam and sought to promote democracy through their efforts; and

266 WHEREAS, the workers at Thiokol Plant were an important part of American history by
267 standing as exemplars of the modern workplace as one of the first in American industry that
268 was racially integrated and consisted of both men and women; and

269 WHEREAS, the lives of 30 plant workers were tragically cut short in 1971 and 1973, but the
270 tragic loss of these Georgians changed the quality of life for millions of Americans, resulting
271 in improvements in transportation, emergency medical services, mass tort litigation, and
272 plant safety; and

273 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the ultimate sacrifice made by these 30
274 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in their memory.

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PART XIII

276 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard L. Tucker has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
277 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
278 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

279 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker's leadership has been instrumental to the University System of
280 Georgia Board of Regents for 14 years; and

281 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,

282 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
283 dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County; and

284 WHEREAS, as a leader for Gwinnett, Mr. Tucker has served as a charter member of the
285 Georgia Regional Transportation Authority and the Governor's Development Council,
286 president/CEO of the Gwinnett Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the Gwinnett
287 Convention & Visitors Bureau/Explore Gwinnett, Georgia Gwinnett College Board of
288 Trustees, Georgia Medical Foundation, and Gwinnett Clean & Beautiful; and

289 WHEREAS, a native of DeKalb County, Georgia, Mr. Tucker earned a bachelor's degree
290 from the University of Georgia in business administration and serves as the principal and
291 managing partner of Arlington Capital, LLC, a private equity fund; and

292 WHEREAS, Mr. Tucker has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades,
293 including a Four Pillar Award from the Council for Quality Growth and recognition by
294 *Georgia Trend Magazine* as one of Georgia's 100 Most Influential Leaders; and

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

297 **PART XIV**

298 WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Russell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
299 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
300 of the citizens of Georgia; and

301 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell earned a doctoral degree in agricultural chemistry from Ohio State
302 University and has a 20 year background in pesticide research, with much of it conducted at
303 the nation's most prestigious golf courses and resorts, including Augusta National, Opryland
304 USA, Disneyland, PGA National, and Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club; and

305 WHEREAS, as the founder of Russell Landscape Group, Dr. Russell has grown this family
306 owned and operated business from its inception in 1987 to the largest, privately held Georgia
307 based landscape firm; and

308 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
309 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
310 dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County; and

311 WHEREAS, as a leader for Gwinnett, Dr. Russell has served as a board member of the
312 Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Health System,
313 Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation, Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia,
314 Gwinnett Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Council for Quality Growth, and the
315 Gwinnett Chamber of Clean and Beautiful; and

316 WHEREAS, his leadership has been instrumental to the state as chairperson of the Georgia
317 World Congress Center Authority Board of Governors; and

318 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
319 a Howard Allen Business of the Year Award in 2003, Distinguished Citizen Award from
320 Gwinnett Medical Center, Pioneer Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metro Atlanta
321 Landscape and Turf Association, the Scott Hudgens Distinguished Citizen Award from the
322 Northeast Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Public Service Award from the Gwinnett
323 County Board of Education, and Citizen of the Year Award from the Gwinnett Chamber of
324 Commerce; and

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

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PART XV

328 WHEREAS, Mr. Wayne Mason has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the
329 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
330 of the citizens of Georgia; and

331 WHEREAS, a native of Gwinnett County, Mr. Mason is the founder and president of Mason
332 Family Companies, which invests and develops single-family and multifamily properties and
333 commercial and industrial developments throughout metropolitan Atlanta and the Southeast;
334 and

335 WHEREAS, just a few of Mr. Mason's accomplishments with Mason Family Companies
336 include developing the 300 acre Cisco Systems corporate campus; Gwinnett County's first

337 mixed use project, Global Forum; Duluth's first mixed use project, Crossroads; 400
338 Commons in Forsyth County; assembling property for Discover Mills in Lawrenceville; and
339 planning of redevelopment which helped spur the City of Atlanta's Beltline; and

340 WHEREAS, Mr. Mason served on the Gwinnett County Board of Commissioners from 1972
341 to 1980, where his tenure was marked with numerous accomplishments, including
342 developing lasting relationships with bond and finance houses which led to county
343 infrastructure improvements such as a new water treatment plant, more than 800 miles of
344 roads, a county-wide fire protection network, Gwinnett's first modern police headquarters,
345 the county's first land use plan, and the county's first business licensing program; and

346 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
347 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
348 dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County, serving as a board
349 member of the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce, Council for Quality Growth,
350 Georgia Gwinnett College Foundation, and Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation; and

351 WHEREAS, Mr. Mason has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including
352 Citizen of the Year Award from the Gwinnett County Chamber of Commerce and a Button
353 Gwinnett Award for lifetime public and professional contributions from the Council for
354 Quality Growth; and

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

357 **PART XVI**

358 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
359 citizens with the passing of Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman on November 20, 2003; and

360 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was born on April 22, 1919, and was a native of Lumpkin
361 County, Georgia, where he lived his entire life near the intersection of Highway 52 and
362 Major Abercrombie Road; and

363 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
364 United States Army during World War II with the 10th Mountain Division in the 87th
365 Mountain Infantry Regiment; and

366 WHEREAS, his division was one of the last to be activated for combat and fought in
367 Northern Italy for over 110 days without retreating; and

368 WHEREAS, this amazing hero was awarded a Bronze Star for this action in combat on April
369 18, 1945; and

370 WHEREAS, after his service to his country, Mr. Chapman returned home to Lumpkin
371 County, where he worked for many years in the paint and auto body industry and later went
372 on to run a successful chicken and cattle farming business for nearly 40 years; and

373 WHEREAS, despite having only a sixth grade education, Mr. Chapman was known by many
374 as one of the smartest men in town and was often turned to for help in making a challenging
375 repair; and

376 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Pa," Mr. Chapman was always willing to lend a hand
377 to someone in need and never met a stranger; and

378 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was a man of deep and abiding faith, serving as a member and
379 deacon of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for 52 years; and

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

382 **PART XVII**

383 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
384 with the passing of Mayor Jimmy Wilbanks on January 3, 2019; and

385 WHEREAS, a native of Dacula, Georgia, Mayor Wilbanks was a graduate of the Gwinnett
386 County Public School System and the University of Georgia; and

387 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks was first elected to serve the citizens of Dacula in 1971, ably
388 and adeptly serving for eight years; and

389 WHEREAS, his leadership and vision were called upon again in 2002 when he was
390 re-elected as the mayor of Dacula, and he was serving his third term at the time of his
391 passing; and

392 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks served as president of the Gwinnett Municipal Association in
393 2007 and served as a member of the organization's Legislative Policy Committee; and

394 WHEREAS, Mayor Wilbanks also served the people of this state through his employment
395 with the Georgia Emergency Management Agency Disaster Relief for more than 20 years;
396 and

397 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mayor Wilbanks was an active member and
398 leader at Hebron Baptist Church; and

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

401 **PART XVIII**

402 WHEREAS, Reverend Marlon Harris has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the
403 Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical,
404 psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

405 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris was born in El Paso, Texas, was raised in South Carolina, and
406 currently serves as the founding pastor of New Life Church in Decatur; and

407 WHEREAS, Reverend Harris established New Life Community Ministries in 2002 as a
408 mission of New Life Church, which has improved the spiritual and educational growth of the
409 church and the surrounding community; and

410 WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the
411 troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or
412 humanitarian, Reverend Harris serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

413 WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Reverend Harris and New Life
414 Church is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all
415 economic strata; and

416 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
417 Georgian and his outstanding church be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in
418 their honor.

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PART XIX

420 WHEREAS, Mr. Maron Sidney Buice has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
421 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
422 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

423 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
424 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
425 dramatically by his 16 years of public service as a Gwinnett County Commissioner; and

426 WHEREAS, during his tenure from 1968 to 1984 with the Gwinnett County Board of
427 Commissioners, Mr. Buice fought hard for securing safety for the traveling public through
428 his work to have signals placed at railroad crossings in North Gwinnett; and

429 WHEREAS, Mr. Buice's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
430 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
431 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
432 and

433 WHEREAS, his influence and determination can be felt today with the countless lives saved
434 due to his hard fought battle to ensure a bridge was constructed on Nelson Brogdon
435 Boulevard/Highway 20 over the railroad tracks, a crossing that claimed the lives of five
436 Forsyth County teenagers in 1970 when their car collided with a train; and

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

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PART XX

440 WHEREAS, Congressman Michael Allen "Mac" Collins has long been recognized by the
441 citizens of this state for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal
442 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

443 WHEREAS, a native of Butts County, Georgia, Congressman Collins was educated in the
444 Butts County School System and later served as a business owner and operator of a trucking
445 company; and

446 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
447 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
448 state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates as a two-term
449 member of the Georgia Senate; and

450 WHEREAS, in 1992, Congressman Collins successfully unseated an incumbent seeking
451 office for the 3rd District of the United States House of Representatives; and

452 WHEREAS, he served as a Congressman for six terms, ably and adeptly representing the
453 people of Butts County and Georgia with honor and distinction; and

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

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PART XXI

457 WHEREAS, Mr. R. Wayne Crockett has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
458 for the vital role that he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
459 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

460 WHEREAS, as a well-respected leader of Burke County, Mr. Crockett was one of the
461 county's most successful businessman; and

462 WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett served on the Burke County Board of Commissioners for 16 years,
463 where his tenure included eight years as chairman; and

464 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
465 talents, and energy toward the betterment of the community and state as evidenced
466 dramatically by his 24 years of superlative service on the Board of Edmund Burke Academy;
467 and

468 WHEREAS, Mr. Crockett's leadership and guidance were instrumental in helping the Burke
469 Medical Center achieve and maintain financial viability and in the establishment of an animal
470 control program for Burke County; and

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

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PART XXII

474 WHEREAS, Mr. Jimmy Lassetter was born on March 1, 1967, in Newnan, Georgia, the
475 beloved son of George Buren Lassetter and Jacqueline Dyer Lassetter; and

476 WHEREAS, at age 12, Mr. Lassetter began working in his family's businesses, Lassetter
477 Transport, Coweta Gas Company, Troup County Gas Company, and Meriweather County
478 Gas Company; and

479 WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter took over the family's businesses in 1979 and continued to lead
480 them successfully for over 35 years; and

481 WHEREAS, a compassionate business man, Mr. Lassetter would often provide aid or free
482 gas services to the elderly who were unable to pay for their monthly heating bills; and

483 WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter was known by many as a father figure and leader, raising not only
484 his three biological children but many children in need as a foster parent; and

485 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Lassetter was a member and deacon at
486 Unity Baptist Church, where he worked tirelessly on the church's worship center and
487 adjoining facilities; and

488 WHEREAS, Mr. Lassetter's life was tragically cut short, when on December 5, 2012, he
489 entered a burning building to help a person trapped on a forklift and later passed away from
490 the severe burns he received as a result; and

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

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PART XXIII

494 WHEREAS, Dr. Eugene Edgar Thomas was born on May 14, 1928, in Atlanta, Georgia, a
495 beloved son of Edgar Thomas and Sophia Lyman Thomas; and

496 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas graduated from Booker T. Washington High School in 1946, where
497 he was an honor student and a basketball star, and received an academic and sports
498 scholarship to the Tuskegee Institute; and

499 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas received a Bachelor of Science degree in health and physical
500 education in 1950, then later studied at Atlanta University and Georgia State College; he
501 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army,
502 valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during the Korean Conflict,
503 where he served for three years as a second lieutenant; and

504 WHEREAS, in 1953, Dr. Thomas was appointed assistant boys work director by the Butler
505 Street YMCA; and, in 1955, he entered the teaching profession, in which he served the
506 Atlanta Public School System for 31 years; and

507 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas received many awards and honors throughout his career, including
508 being named Teacher of the Year twice, being selected Star Teacher by a former student in
509 1969, and being honored by WXIA with "The Community Service Award for Rendering
510 Outstanding Service to Youth" in the City of Atlanta in 1978; and

511 WHEREAS, Dr. Thomas served on the staff of the George Washington Carver Boys and
512 Girls Club and was appointed unit director of the Salvation Army Bellwood Boys and Girls
513 Club, a position in which he served for 26 years; and

514 WHEREAS, Mr. Elmo James, Jr., was born on June 14, 1943, the beloved son of Elmo
515 James, Sr., and Ozzie Thomas; and

516 WHEREAS, Mr. James graduated with honors from Archer High School and attended
517 Morehouse College on a full academic scholarship; and

518 WHEREAS, Mr. James served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
519 United States Army during the Vietnam War and later worked as an air traffic controller for
520 the Federal Aviation Administration at Hampton, Georgia's regional air station; and

521 WHEREAS, after 14 years with the Federal Aviation Administration, Mr. James became an
522 entrepreneur in a downtown Atlanta business and was a constant support for his wife and Dr.
523 Thomas' daughter, Senator Donzella James, in her work as a public servant; and

524 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
525 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in their memory.

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PART XXIV

527 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
528 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the northern bridge on U.S. 280 over Interstate 16 at exit
529 143 in Bryan County is dedicated as the Georgia Southern Nursing Angels Memorial Bridge.

530 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 92 east of
531 I-575 that spans Noonday Creek in Cherokee County is dedicated as the Patrick Price
532 Memorial Bridge.

533 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 39 over
534 Drag Nasty Creek in Clay County is dedicated as the James Bland, Sr., Memorial Bridge.

535 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of Georgia Highway 52
536 East from First Avenue to Greenfield Road in Gilmer County is dedicated as the G.L. Huff
537 Family Memorial Highway.

538 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Highway 515 over Ada
539 Street in Blue Ridge, Georgia, is dedicated as the John D. McDaniel Bridge.

540 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 515
541 and First Avenue in Gilmer County is dedicated as the Ben Whitaker Intersection.

542 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. Highway 84 from
543 the eastern corporate limits of the City of Ludowici to the Long County/Liberty County line
544 is dedicated as the Chief Frank McClelland, Jr., Memorial Highway.

545 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 45 over
546 Bear Creek in Terrell County is rededicated as the Kennedy and Hanner Bridge.

547 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 1
548 southbound over Hod Chod-Kee Creek in Stewart County is dedicated as the Thomas Morton
549 Fort, Jr., Memorial Bridge.

550 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 138 from
551 State Route 85 to US 19/US 41 is dedicated as the Charles Ware, Sr., Memorial Highway.

552 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Interstate 85 over
553 Metropolitan Parkway in Fulton County is dedicated as the Grace W. Davis Memorial
554 Bridge.

555 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the Interstate 95 interchange at Exit
556 7 in Camden County is dedicated as the Patriots of Thiokol Memorial Interchange.

557 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120
558 between State Route 316 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett County is dedicated
559 as the Richard L. Tucker Highway.

560 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 120 from
561 its intersection with State Route 13 in Duluth to Parsons Road in Johns Creek is dedicated
562 as the Bill Russell Highway.

563 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of U.S. 78 from Snellville
564 to Loganville in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Wayne Mason Highway.

565 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Highway 52 and
566 Major Abercrombie Road in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the James Chapman
567 Intersection.

568 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of Harbins Road and
569 Winder Highway (State Route 8) in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Mayor Jimmy
570 Wilbanks Intersection.

571 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Flat Shoals Road/State
572 Route 155 over SR 407/Interstate 285 in DeKalb County is dedicated as the Marlon Harris
573 and New Life Church Bridge.

574 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on Nelson Brogdon
575 Boulevard/Highway 20 crossing over the railroad tracks located just before the intersection
576 of Highway 20 and Peachtree Industrial Boulevard in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the
577 Maron Sidney Buice Bridge.

578 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from
579 Kings Drive to Higgins Road in Butts County is dedicated as the Congressman Mac Collins
580 Memorial Highway.

581 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Highway 56 from
582 Brier Creek to Old Waynesboro Road in Burke County is dedicated as the R. Wayne
583 Crockett Memorial Highway.

584 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from
585 Old Carrollton Road to the Chattahoochee River is dedicated as the Jimmy Lassetter
586 Memorial Highway.

587 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of John Lewis
588 Freedom Parkway (State Route 10) and Boulevard NE in Fulton County is dedicated as the
589 Dr. Eugene Thomas and Elmo James Overlook Intersection.

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

593 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
594 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
595 Department of Transportation; to Mr. Richard L. Tucker, Dr. Bill Russell, Mr. Wayne
596 Mason, Reverend Marlon Harris and New Life Church, and Mr. Maron Sidney Buice; and
597 to the families of Caitlyn Baggett; Morgan Bass; Emily Clark; Abbie Deloach; Catherine
598 McKay Pittman; Mr. Patrick Price; Mr. James Bland, Sr.; G.L. Huff; Reverend John D.
599 McDaniel; Mr. Benjamin "Benny" Norton Whitaker; Chief Frank McClelland, Jr.; Mr.
600 Robert "Bob" Paul Hanner, Sr.; Thomas Morton Fort, Jr.; Mr. Charles "Chuck" Ware, Sr.;
601 the Honorable Grace Wilkerson Davis; Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman; Mayor Jimmy
602 Wilbanks; Congressman Michael Allen "Mac" Collins; Mr. R. Wayne Crockett; Mr. Jimmy
603 Lassetter; Dr. Eugene Edgar Thomas; and Mr. Elmo James, Jr.