

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
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COLONEL BENJAMIN HAWKINS BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

No. 122 (House Resolution No. 206-587b).

A RESOLUTION

To designate a bridge which crosses the Flint River between Crawford and Taylor Counties, as the Colonel Benjamin Hawkins Bridge; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Colonel Benjamin Hawkins was born in Butte, now Warren County, North Carolina, in August 15, 1754, being educated in the best schools of the county and a student at Princeton College at the time the Revolutionary War suspended classes at that institution; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hawkins in the course of his studies became very fluent in the French language which fact prompted General George Washington, the founder of our great country, to press Colonel Hawkins into the service of General Washington's official family to aid him in his conversation with French officers; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hawkins was one of the first trustees of the University of North Carolina and in 1780, Governor Samuel Johnson and Colonel Hawkins executed a deed of cession of Tennessee to the United States which was accepted by Congress; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hawkins was elected to three terms in Congress and to one term in the United States Senate; and

WHEREAS, General George Washington appointed Colonel Hawkins as head of the agency of superintending all the Indians south of the Ohio River and in the course of his duties he built his headquarters at what is known as Fort Hawkins, located near the Indian Mounds in East Macon, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hawkins moved to the east bank of Flint River in the center of the Creek Indian Territory known as the "Old Indian Agency" and the present new river bridge over the Flint River between Crawford and Taylor Counties is located in the center of said territory which was acquired by the State of Georgia from the United States in 1826 at the Indian Agency; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hawkins developed this territory for farming by his example and leadership in establishing a model farm for the area and this farm supplied the new territories of Alabama and Mississippi with food which was invaluable in the development of these States; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hawkins built a bridge across the Flint River which was used by many, many new settlers who helped establish and create the South; and

WHEREAS, Colonel Hawkins died on June 6, 1816, and was buried near the east bank of the Flint River after passing through many scenes of a long, a laborious and active life, closing his career of usefulness to his fellowman with an honor and a reputation which deserves to be recorded for future example to the living.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the General Assembly of Georgia, that the bridge crossing the Flint River between Crawford and Taylor Counties, is hereby designated and named the "Colonel Benjamin Hawkins Bridge" and the State Highway Department officials or other State agencies are directed that on all maps and publications the said bridge shall be referred to and designated as the "Colonel Benjamin Hawkins Bridge" and the State Highway Department officials are directed to have placed on or near the said bridge an appropriate sign indicating to the public the name hereby designated.

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