A RESOLUTION

Designating a portion of the highway system in this State as the "Presidential Route"; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Honorable Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the 32nd President of the United States, had a home near Warm Springs, Georgia, which is now a museum; and

WHEREAS, such home known as "The Little White House" has become a National Shrine; and

WHEREAS, Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park was named after President Roosevelt and is the largest State park in Georgia; and

WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter, the 39th President of the United States, became the first resident of this State to be accorded the honor and privilege of serving as Chief Executive of these United States; and

WHEREAS, President Carter was born on October 1, 1924 in Plains, Georgia, lived there until his recent move to the White House and currently maintains a residence there; and

WHEREAS, a Tourist Center has also been constructed near Plains, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, this State's most illustrious citizens, past and present, could be honored and visitors to this State would be appropriately reminded of this State's most distinguished citizens and their homes by designating a portion of the highway system of the State as the "Presidential Route"; and

WHEREAS, that portion of the highway system is more particularly described as follows: "From the point of intersection of Interstate Highway 75 and U.S. Highway 280 in Cordele, Georgia, westerly on U. S. Highway 280 to Americus, Georgia; thence westerly on U. S. Highway 280 by the State's newest Welcome Center to Plains, Georgia; thence westerly on U. S. Highway 280 to the intersection of U. S. Highway 280 and State Highway 41 in Preston, Georgia. At this intersection the 'Presidential Route' diverges into two routes, one shall be designated the 'Eastern Presidential Route' and one, 'Western Presidential Route'.

PRESIDENTIAL ROUTE;
EASTERN PRESIDENTIAL ROUTE;
WESTERN PRESIDENTIAL ROUTE — DESIGNATED.

No. 190 (Senate Resolution No. 263).
The `Eastern Presidential Route' shall proceed northerly from the intersection of U. S. Highway 280 and State Highway 41 along State Highway 41 to the intersection of State Highway 41 and U. S. Highway 27 Alternate at Manchester, Georgia.

The `Western Presidential Route' shall proceed from the intersection of State Highway 41 and U. S. Highway 280, westerly along U. S. Highway 280 to the intersection of U. S. Highway 280 and State Highway 27 in Richland, Georgia; thence westerly along State Highway 27 to the intersection of State Highway 27 and U. S. Highway 27 at Lumpkin, Georgia; thence northerly along U. S. Highway 27 to the intersection of U. S. Highway 27 and U. S. Highway 27 Alternate at Columbus, Georgia; thence northerly on U. S. Highway 27 Alternate to the aforementioned intersection of U. S. Highway 27 Alternate and State Highway 41 at Manchester, Georgia, where the `Eastern Presidential Route' and `Western Presidential Route' shall converge.

From this intersection the `Presidential Route' shall proceed northerly along U. S. Highway 27 Alternate to Warm Springs, Georgia, site of the Little White House, home of Franklin Delano Roosevelt; thence northerly along U. S. Highway 27 Alternate to its end at the intersection of U. S. Highway 27 Alternate and Interstate Highway 85 south of Newnan, Georgia."

WHEREAS, the above described portion of the highway system in this State is in excellent condition and has beautiful surrounding countryside; and

WHEREAS, such a designation of this portion of the highway system would more effectively divert traffic from overcrowded Interstate 75.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the above described portions of the highway system of Georgia are hereby designated as the "Presidential Route."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that subject to funding the State Department of Transportation is hereby authorized and directed to erect appropriate signs and markers along such portions of the highways making up the "Presidential Route."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is hereby authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this Resolution to the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation.

Approval Date: Approved April 6, 1978.