

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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DICK LANE BRIDGE;
LT. HAROLD "PINKY" DURHAM MEDAL OF HONOR HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

No. 47 (House Resolution No. 400).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Dick Lane Bridge; designating the Lt. Harold "Pinky" Durham Medal of Honor Highway; and for other purposes.

Part 1

WHEREAS, Honorable Dick Lane, of the 55th District of the House of Representatives, is a native son of East Point, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, having won his first election to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1966, at the conclusion of his present term Representative Dick Lane will have ably served the people of East Point and Fulton County for 28 years; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of his current term of office, the gentleman from the 55th will hold the distinction of being the longest serving member of the Fulton County delegation in the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Dick Lane has served with distinction as the Chairman of the House Committee on State Planning and Community Affairs and as a respected and valued member of the House Committees on Rules and Appropriations and the Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority Overview Committee; and

WHEREAS, throughout his nearly three decades of outstanding service in the House of Representatives, more than 160 Bills and 14 Constitutional Amendments authored by the gentleman of the 55th have become laws of this state; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his many years of service in the General Assembly, Representative Dick Lane served as Recreation Director for the City of East Point, a position in which he was able to spread his love of sports and fitness and exert a positive influence on the health and physical well-being of countless young people; and

WHEREAS, Representative Lane has received well-deserved recognition for his many outstanding athletic accomplishments, including All-State Running Back, Russell High School; former state Karate Champion; and commendations from President John F. Kennedy, and Governors Lester Maddox and Carl Sanders for Outstanding Performance in Recreation; and being chosen to serve as a member of the Georgia State Games Commission; and

WHEREAS, Honorable Dick Lane is also a member of numerous civic organizations to which he devotes his time and energies including the Boy Scouts of America, the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Yaarab Temple, the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, the Free and Accepted Mason, the Loyal Order of Moose, the Georgia Congress of Parent and Teacher Association, the Fulton County Public Safety Training Center Advisory Board, the South Fulton Medical Center Board, the American Association of Retired Persons, and the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many years of tireless and dedicated community and civic service, Honorable Dick Lane has received more than 175 awards from various clubs and organizations, including, the Distinguished Service Award, the Junior Chamber of Commerce; Under the Dome, the Georgia Federation of Women's Clubs; the Albert Wyatt Memorial Award, the Georgia National Head Injury Foundation; National "American of the Year" in 1988 from La Societe Des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux; the Georgia Municipal Association's Legislative Service Award for 1989 and 1990; the Association County Commissioners's Legislative Service Award for 1990, 1991, and 1992; the Georgia Parks and Recreation Society's Statewide Legislative Award in 1989; and, on five separate occasions, "Statesman of the Year"; and

WHEREAS, Dick and his lovely wife, the former Betty Clay Jones, are the parents of Mindy, Laurie, and Rick and the proud grandparents of Kristin Leigh French, Kane French, Kyle Cook, and Kase Cook; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to recognize and commemorate a lifetime of service, dedication, and commitment by Honorable Dick Lane to the people of East Point, Fulton County, and the State of Georgia.

Part 2

WHEREAS, Harold Bascom Durham, Jr., was one of only 22 Georgians to be awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, an award made posthumously; and

WHEREAS, the Medal of Honor was first issued by Congress during the Civil War and is the highest United States military decoration awarded to service personnel who distinguish themselves by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the cost of their lives above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Durham of the United States Army served as a forward observer with Company D, 2nd Battalion, 28th Infantry in the Republic of Vietnam, and on October 17, 1967, he placed himself in a position exposed to enemy fire to adjust the supporting artillery fire onto the insurgents; and

WHEREAS, he administered first aid to the wounded in spite of heavy enemy sniper fire directed toward him; and

WHEREAS, he further endangered himself by assuming the duties of a wounded observer of Company A and was severely wounded by an enemy detonated mine and in spite of intense pain he continued to direct the supporting artillery upon the enemy and, while severely wounded a second time, he shouted a warning to a nearby soldier when Viet Cong approached, dying moments later; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Durham's gallant actions in close combat with an enemy force are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, his unit, and the United States Army.

Part 3

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over the Chattahoochee River on State Route 166 in Fulton County, Georgia is designated as the Dick Lane Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Road 35, U. S. 319, in Tift County, Georgia, be designated as the Lt. Harold "Pinky" Durham Medal of Honor Highway in memory of his heroic service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating the Dick Lane Bridge and the Lt. Harold "Pinky" Durham Medal of Honor Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Honorable Dick Lane, Representative, 55th District.

Approval Date: Approved April 15, 1993.