

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1995

COLIN P. KELLY, JR., HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, the late Captain Colin P. Kelly, Jr. was a native of Madison County, Florida, near Valdosta; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point just before the outbreak of World War II, he was assigned to Hawaii and then to the Philippine Islands as a B-17 bomber pilot; and

WHEREAS, when the Japanese invaded the Philippines Capt. Kelly and his crew were assigned to attack the invasion force, and on December 10, 1941, they located, bombed, and sank the battleship Haruna; and

WHEREAS, Capt. Kelly's plane was severely damaged by enemy fighters while returning to base, but all the other crew members were able to escape before the plane crashed, killing Capt. Kelly; and

WHEREAS, he was posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and was described by President Franklin D. Roosevelt as our country's first hero of the war.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the segment of State Route 31 between Interstate Highway 75 and the Florida state line be named the Colin P. Kelly, Jr., Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to place appropriate signs for this designation, that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, and an appropriate copy be provided to the Kelly family.

Unanimously adopted this 20th day of April, 1995.