

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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C. F. "COOTE" MASON HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

No. 4 (House Resolution No. 57).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the C. F. "Coote" Mason Highway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, C. F. "Coote" Mason was born on December 7, 1907, in Fannin County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he was united in marriage to Blanche Fortner on December 22, 1931, and their union was blessed with two children, William Mason, Sr., and Joyce Ann Mason Mitchell; five grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, raised in a loving home where family values and the work ethic were stressed and valued, he assumed the responsibility of caring for his family at the age of 11 following his father's death; and

WHEREAS, although he had little formal education, he was highly intelligent and learned quickly the skills necessary for his development and advancement in society; and

WHEREAS, he first went into business for himself operating the Georgia Filling Station in McCaysville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, in 1932, he opened a General Mercantile Store in Epworth, Georgia, which expanded into a farm equipment dealership under contract with the Ford Motor Company; and

WHEREAS, a decision to relocate the business to Blue Ridge, Georgia, in 1960 to take advantage of a new highway proved to be advantageous and his business grew and prospered; and

WHEREAS, eventually joined in the business by his son and a grandson, Mr. Mason remained active in the dealership until 1995; and

WHEREAS, he is a long time member and deacon of the Epworth First Baptist Church which his parents helped to organize when he was a boy and is also a charter member of the Epworth Community Club; and

WHEREAS, he continues to have a keen interest in the activities of his church and community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body designate State Highway 5 from the intersection of State Highway 515 North to the Tennessee border as the C. F. "Coote" Mason Highway in honor of this distinguished citizen and do hereby request that all governing bodies and their agencies recognize this name and that proper notice of this resolution be published and awarded to all and, further, that appropriate signs be placed along the roadway declaring it as such.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Georgia Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs designating the C. F. "Coote" Mason.

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 C. F. "Coote" Mason.

Approval Date: Approved April 28, 1999.