

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 2000

BERT LANCE HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, Thomas Bertram (Bert) Lance was born in Gainesville, Georgia, grew up in Young Harris and Calhoun, Georgia, and attended the University of Georgia and Emory University and did graduate work at L.S.U.'s School of Banking of the South and Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University; and

WHEREAS, he began his career in banking at the Calhoun National Bank in 1951 and worked his way up through the ranks to become President and CEO of the bank in 1963 and, in 1975, he was named President of the National Bank of Georgia, and during his banking career he was an officer of the Georgia Bankers Association and the Independent Bankers Association and he was a member of the Regional Advisory Committee to the Comptroller of the Currency; and

WHEREAS, he was Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Transportation from 1971 to 1973 where he achieved a significant reduction in the total number of employees and improved the method of awarding contracts; and

WHEREAS, he was a candidate for Governor of Georgia in 1974 and was appointed by President Jimmy Carter in 1977 to the position of Director of the Office of Management and Budget, where he favored an economically responsible approach to government spending and government responsiveness to the people; and

WHEREAS, he is a great communicator, who authored the book *The Truth of the Matter* in 1992 and served as a commentator for WXIA television, channel 11, in Atlanta in the late 1970s; and

WHEREAS, he is an active member of First United Methodist Church of Calhoun, he served as a Georgia delegate to the Methodist Convocation in Dallas, Texas, and he has been a positive influence in his community coaching Little League baseball and guiding youth in Cub Scouts; and

WHEREAS, he is the founding chairman and a member of the Board of Governors of the Atlanta Community Service Awards and he has been active in many organizations including the American Cancer Society and the United Way as well as having served as a trustee of Reinhardt College and the Georgia Foundation of Independent Colleges, as a member of the Advisory Council of Georgia State University and the Board of Visitors at the University of Georgia, and as a member of the Committee of 100 at Emory University; and

WHEREAS, he is married to LaBelle David and they have four sons, 13 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the portion of I-75 beginning with the Bartow-Gordon County line extending to the Whitfield-Gordon County Line shall be named the "Bert Lance Highway."

IT IS RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a suitable copy be provided to Bert Lance, and the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs designating this facility.

Adopted this 20th day of July 2000.