

Senate Resolution 70

By: Senators Ragan of the 11th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th

ADOPTED

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating the Bill Stanfill Highway; designating the Virgil Bledsoe Highway; and for other
2 purposes.

3 PART I

4 WHEREAS, the legendary football star Bill Stanfill is well known to many Georgians and
5 brought fame and honor to his native community of Cairo and to Grady County; and

6 WHEREAS, he was a three-sport star who excelled in football, basketball, and track at Cairo
7 High School; became Georgia's first and only winner of the Outland Trophy in 1968; was
8 inducted into the National College Football Hall of Fame in 1998; and was inducted into the
9 Georgia Circle of Honor on September 1, 2000; and

10 WHEREAS, during his career with the Miami Dolphins, he was named All-Pro four times
11 and was a starter on the 1972 and 1973 Super Bowl championship teams; and

12 WHEREAS, his tremendous athletic ability and record accomplishments have been
13 surpassed only by his genuine respect for others and his public service, and it is fitting that
14 this great Georgian who has inspired countless youth and contributed substantially to his
15 community be properly remembered and honored.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that the portion of U.S. Highway 84 in Grady County be designated as the Bill
18 Stanfill Highway.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
20 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating such
21 highway.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
2 to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Bill Stanfill and to the Department of
3 Transportation.

4 PART II

5 WHEREAS, Virgil Bledsoe served Heard County as Sheriff for 32 years from 1948 through
6 1980; and

7 WHEREAS, Governor Ernest Vandiver appointed him to the Board of Public Safety and he
8 continued to serve in that capacity under Governor Carl Sanders and Governor Lester
9 Maddox; and

10 WHEREAS, he was appointed to the Georgia Sheriff's Retirement Board and served for eight
11 years; and

12 WHEREAS, for six years he served on the Peace Officers' Annuity and Benefit Fund; and

13 WHEREAS, he was a charter member of the Georgia Sheriffs' Boys Ranch; and

14 WHEREAS, it is most fitting that the contributions of Virgil Bledsoe to Heard County as
15 Sheriff and to law enforcement in the State of Georgia be recognized and remembered.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that the portion of Georgia Highway 34 from the city limits of Franklin, Georgia,
18 to the Heard-Coweta County Line is hereby designated as the "Virgil Bledsoe Highway."

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
20 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating the
21 highway.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
23 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Virgil Bledsoe and to the
24 Department of Transportation.