

Senate Resolution 150

By: Senator Lee of the 29th

AS PASSED

A RESOLUTION

1 Designating certain transportation facilities; and for other purposes.

2 PART I

3 WHEREAS, Honorable Robert F. Ray, Representative, 108th District, was elected over 20
4 years ago in 1982 to the Georgia State House of Representatives and has served in this
5 capacity since that time; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert F. Ray has spent most of his life in public service through various
7 community and civic groups as well as having served for eight years as county commissioner
8 and two years on the board of education in his home county of Crawford; and

9 WHEREAS, Robert F. Ray also served with distinction as assistant commissioner of
10 agriculture; and

11 WHEREAS, Robert F. Ray has also served Peach County as a member of the Peach County
12 Farm Bureau, the Peach County Chamber of Commerce, and the Fort Valley Kiwanis Club;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Robert F. Ray has always, through his public service and community
15 involvement, shown support and given outstanding service to Georgia and its citizens.

16 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
17 GEORGIA that SR 247 from its interchange with I-75 and westward to its intersection with
18 SR 49 is designated as the Robert Ray Parkway in honor of this distinguished public servant.

1 WHEREAS, Fred Emory Smith was a Georgia resident, graduating from Monticello High
2 School, and in 1938, graduating from the University of Georgia, where he was a member of
3 the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity; and

4 WHEREAS, he was a supervisor at the Naval Ordnance Plant in Macon during World War
5 II and taught agriculture courses to veterans immediately following World War II; and

6 WHEREAS, he raised beef cows and took pride in being a farmer; and

7 WHEREAS, for 38 years, he was a teacher and principal in the State of Georgia, primarily
8 in Jasper County, and was the principal of Monticello Primary School at the time of
9 integration of schools; and

10 WHEREAS, in 1967, he was appointed Lieutenant Colonel, Aide de Camp, Governor's
11 Staff, by Governor Lester Maddox; and

12 WHEREAS, he served on the Jasper County Board of Family and Children Services from
13 1967 through 1969; and

14 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Monticello First United Methodist Church and the
15 Methodist Men's Club, and taught youth Sunday School classes for many years; and

16 WHEREAS, he was a Cub Scout Master for several years in addition to working with the
17 Boy Scouts; and

18 WHEREAS, he was well-loved by the citizens of Jasper County; and

19 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a distinguished citizen with the passing of Fred Emory
20 Smith on September 28, 1993; and

21 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that his memory be honored by this state and in the
22 community in which he lived.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Murder Creek on
24 State Route 16 in Jasper County is designated the Fred Emory Smith Memorial Bridge.

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PART III

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1 WHEREAS, on November 2, 2002, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most
2 distinguished citizens with the tragic passing of the Honorable J. Max Davis; and

3 WHEREAS, he served with unparalleled ability as a member of the House of Representatives
4 for 22 years; and

5 WHEREAS, this dynamic and powerful public servant faithfully represented the citizens of
6 DeKalb County with great distinction, dedication, and ability; and

7 WHEREAS, his consistently thorough consideration of the issues presented to this
8 deliberative body and his integrity and reliability rightfully earned him the honor, respect,
9 and trust of his colleagues over the years and were recognized by the leadership of this body
10 and properly reflected in his committee responsibilities which included serving as a member
11 of the House Committee on Game, Fish, and Parks, the House Committee on Judiciary, and
12 the House Committee on Rules; and

13 WHEREAS, in his legislative committee assignments, he consistently demonstrated a solid
14 commitment to the careful study of sensitive issues and proposed solutions and quickly
15 developed a reputation as an equitable, impartial leader whose decisions were governed by
16 the rules of honesty and fair play; and

17 WHEREAS, he exhibited the level of political activism and unselfish leadership ideally
18 expected of public trustees in an effective, representative democracy, and his stewardship in
19 the House was marked by unmatched dignity, grace, and wisdom; and

20 WHEREAS, he was the ultimate conservative who remained true to his principles; and

21 WHEREAS, his creative leadership and his thoughtful sensitivity with respect to complex
22 social and political matters, and especially his ability to work behind the scenes and build
23 coalitions and consensus, received the approval and applause of his peers who held him in
24 such high regard; and

25 WHEREAS, his foresight and forthright determination brought unparalleled progress and a
26 sense of destiny to the citizens of his district and the State of Georgia and it is abundantly
27 fitting and proper that the members of this body pay appropriate tribute to one of their finest
28 and most distinguished colleagues.

1 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in recognition of his outstanding
2 public service the interchange at Interstate 285 and Chamblee Dunwoody Road is designated
3 the J. Max Davis Interchange.

4 PART IV

5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that SR 41 in Meriwether County from the Coweta County
6 line southward to the Talbot County line is hereby designated as the Dan and Marie Branch
7 Highway.

8 PART V

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
10 directed to place and maintain appropriate markers so designating said transportation
11 facilities; and the Secretary of the Senate shall transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution
12 to the Department of Transportation.