

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2010

Act 434

House Resolution 1513, Part XI

Effective May 24, 2010

GOSWICK FAMILY BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Marion A. Goswick drew a sketch for the first bridge across the Conasauga River, at the location which is now known as SR-286; and

WHEREAS, the road was originally constructed with money raised through the poll tax; and

WHEREAS, the original road was built according to existing property lines, except where property owners would not agree to the use of their land, which explains the many curves in the road; and

WHEREAS, when Franklin D. Roosevelt was president, the Public Works Administration worked to widen the road; and

WHEREAS, over time, the Conasauga River has had four bridges built across it at this location: one wood, one wood and steel, and two cement, the last being built in 1959; and

WHEREAS, Herman Talmadge was the Governor of Georgia and Clarence Ridley was the Commissioner of Murray County when the road was designated as SR-286; and

WHEREAS, Marion A. Goswick carved three peach seeds into monkeys and mounted each monkey on a piece of wood, marking each with the number 286, and he sent them to Governor Herman Talmadge as a souvenir of the highway; and

WHEREAS, the Governor acknowledged the souvenir by writing a letter to Goswick, saying he had them on display in his office; and

WHEREAS, Marion Andrew Goswick married Roxie Pearl Laughridge, and to their union were born Raney Opal, Theodore, Ruth, Maga Lynn, and Creed Denton; and

WHEREAS, the Goswick family store was built in 1914 facing what used to be Route 2, now known as Goswick Road; and

WHEREAS, the Goswick family operated the store selling general merchandise until 2006 – when Marion A. Goswick died, his son C. D. operated the store until he died in 1997, and then Maga Lynn Goswick Hix ran the store; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that a lasting memorial to the contributions of the Goswick family to the people of Murray County be established.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the members of this body hereby join in honoring the contributions of the Goswick family to this state and their community and designate the bridge on SR-286, over the Conasauga River, as the Goswick Family Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this Resolution to the Department of Transportation and Maga Lynn Goswick Hix.