

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2021**

Act 299

House Resolution 144, Part XVI

Effective May 10, 2021

**DR. AUSTIN FLINT HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Dr. Austin Flint has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flint has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the board of trustees of Reinhardt University; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Flint and his wife, Bea, have owned a farm in Waleska since 1969; and

WHEREAS, in the fall 2017 and spring 2018, the Flints established a chestnut orchard on their Waleska farm, and Dr. Flint has since arranged an agreement between the American Chestnut Foundation and Reinhardt University to involve Reinhardt students in maintaining the orchard; and

WHEREAS, the orchard now has over 1,500 chestnut trees which are being studied by Dr. Zach Felix, associate professor of biology at Reinhardt University; Dr. Martin Cipollini, professor of biology at Berry College; and the American Chestnut Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the collaborative research project serves not only as a great opportunity for students but as a new future for the American chestnut; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of State Route 108 in Cherokee County, from 1/2 mile east of Pleasant Arbor Road, to 1/2 mile west of Pleasant Arbor Road, is dedicated as the Dr. Austin Flint Highway.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and the family of Dr. Austin Flint.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.