

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

Act 301

Senate Resolution 39, Part IX

Effective May 10, 2021

**DR. TOM AND JEAN BOSWELL MEMORIAL HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, Dr. Tom Boswell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Air Force and valiantly protected his fellow Americans during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Boswell enlisted after the bombing of Pearl Harbor when he was in medical school, leaving behind his books and medical career aspirations to fly a B-29 in at least 30 bombing raid missions over Japan and Tinian which paved the way for the Enola Gay to carry the atomic bomb to Japan; and

WHEREAS, his service was recognized with a Distinguished Flying Cross and after the war he and his wife, Jean, moved to Atlanta so he could finish medical school at Crawford Long and later go on to become an obstetrician; and

WHEREAS, in 1952 the couple moved to Pickens County and fell in love with the Tate area where Dr. Boswell opened a clinic to serve his small community, working during the clinic's early years without a day off and putting in 100 hour weeks while the couple and their six month old child lived in two back rooms of the clinic; and

WHEREAS, for years Jean accompanied Dr. Boswell on his house calls and worked in the clinic as a nurse, often working for the pay of a home cooked meal, eggs, chickens, or vegetables, for those who were unable to pay him money; and

WHEREAS, after 12 long years he finally took a family vacation and eventually he became staff at Pickens General Hospital from which he retired in 2000; and

WHEREAS, during his incredible 50 year career, Dr. Boswell delivered numerous current residents of Pickens, Dawson, and Cherokee counties and was known for his selfless and caring nature, never wanting a patient to worry about their ability to pay for his services; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished couple be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of State Route 108 in Pickens County, from the Pickens-Cherokee County line, to State Route 515, is dedicated as the Dr. Tom and Jean Boswell Memorial 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 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and the family of Dr. Tom and Jean Boswell.