

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

Act 301

Senate Resolution 39, Part X

Effective May 10, 2021

GENERAL LARRY PLATT BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, General Larry Platt has long been recognized for his dedication to the principles of equality and justice and his active involvement in the political process; and

WHEREAS, at three years old, General Platt was shot in the face by the Ku Klux Klan on Asbury Street, leaving him visually impaired, and in 1966, he was run over while riding his bike; and

WHEREAS, a champion of justice, General Platt was a leader of the Civil Rights Movement alongside Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Reverend Hosea Williams, starting his activism at age 18; and

WHEREAS, he participated in the March on Washington in 1963 to protest for African American workers and in the historic Civil Rights march from Selma to Montgomery on the Edmund Pettus Bridge; and

WHEREAS, he worked with Julian Bond, James Baldwin, and James Farmer in fighting for civil rights and equality; and

WHEREAS, his nickname "General" was given to him by Reverend Hosea Williams for his heroic efforts on behalf of the Civil Rights Movement; and

WHEREAS, he won national attention for his socially conscious and thought-provoking song "Pants on the Ground"; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the bridge in Fulton County, on State Route 166, over Delowe Drive, is dedicated as the General Larry Platt Bridge.

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 to the family of General Larry Platt.