

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

Act 301

Senate Resolution 39, Part VII & 7<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of Part XVI

Effective May 10, 2021

**JUDGE DONALD "HOPPY" ROYSTON HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

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

WHEREAS, Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston was born on June 11, 1942, in Madison County, Georgia, was raised in Franklin County, Georgia, and has spent his life serving and loving his community; and

WHEREAS, Judge Royston moved back to Madison County in 1963 after marrying his sweet wife, Patsy, whom he devotedly loved and cared for throughout their almost 55 year marriage, and was blessed with three daughters and two granddaughters; and

WHEREAS, he served as an Election Day poll worker for ten years, including when the county transitioned from paper "bed sheet" ballots to Shoup lever voting machines; and

WHEREAS, Judge Royston was elected Madison County Probate Judge in 1976 and served fairly and impartially not only in court but also in overseeing the conduct and certification of elections as Elections Superintendent for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Royston coached Madison County Recreation Department softball for many years; and

WHEREAS, he is a longtime supporter of Madison County High School sports and its student athletes and to this day still tells stories of traveling throughout the state to watch the 1980 Raiderettes basketball team go undefeated and win the AAA State Championship; and

WHEREAS, he is a hard-working and dedicated member and deacon of New Hope Baptist Church located at the corner of State Route 281 and Shirley Road; and

WHEREAS, Judge Royston is a member of The Gideons International and has distributed copies of God's Word in order to plant seeds of faith; 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 281 in Madison County, from US 29, to State Route 191, dedicated as the Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston 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 Judge Donald "Hoppy" Royston.