

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

Act 238

House Resolution 119

Effective May 6, 2021

SENATOR JOHNNY ISAKSON BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Recognizing United States Senator Johnny Isakson and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Senator Johnny Isakson 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 the United States; and

WHEREAS, John "Johnny" Hardy Isakson was born on December 28, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia, and served in the Georgia Air National Guard for six years, where he attained the rank of staff sergeant; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Georgia, he embarked on a career in real estate with Northside Realty, a company his father helped to establish; he became president of the company in 1979, a position he held for 22 years, during which time it became the biggest independent real estate company in the Southeast and one of the largest in the country; and

WHEREAS, in 1976, Senator Isakson was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives where he served seven terms, four of them as the Republican Minority Leader, and went on to serve in the Georgia Senate for one term; and

WHEREAS, he won his seat in the United States House of Representatives in a 1999 special election and was re-elected to two more terms; he served on the House Education Committee and was instrumental in the passage of the No Child Left Behind Act; and

WHEREAS, this dedicated public servant was first elected to the United States Senate in 2004, a historic occasion as it marked the first time in Georgia's history that both U.S. Senate seats had been held by Republicans; and

WHEREAS, Senator Isakson was twice more elected to the United States Senate and served honorably until his resignation in 2019, sponsoring over 130 bills and assuming leadership roles on issues involving veterans affairs and international trade; and

WHEREAS, Senator Isakson's longstanding commitment to economic development in Georgia is not more apparent than his commitment to the growth and prosperity of the Port of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, his work to secure federal funding for the Savannah Harbor Expansion Project (SHEP) and the Mason Mega Rail Yard ensures the efficient movement of goods through the state, impacting the lives of all Georgians; and

WHEREAS, Senator Isakson has served this state and nation with honor and distinction, and his vision and unyielding commitment have set the standard for public service and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the bridge in Chatham County, on State Route 307, over the Georgia Ports Authority Mega Rail Site, is dedicated as the Senator Johnny Isakson 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 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 Senator Johnny Isakson.