

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2022**

Act 855

Senate Resolution 596, Part XL

Effective May 9, 2022

**LAWRENCE HUTCHINS, JR. BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

Recognizing Mr. Lawrence Hutchins, Jr. and dedicating a bridge in his honor; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Lawrence Hutchins, Jr. was born and raised in Savannah, Georgia, and is a proud product of the Savannah-Chatham County Public School System; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of A. E. Beach High School, where he was a member of the school's band and leader of the clarinet section, Mr. Hutchins earned music education degrees from Savannah State College and the Vandercook College of Music in Chicago, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hutchins has dedicated his time, talents, and energy to challenging and inspiring future leaders and musicians as a music teacher and band director for 43 years; and

WHEREAS, he is a founder of the Savannah State University Men's Glee Club and has led the marching band for the Savannah United House of Prayer for All People; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental to numerous organizations, including the National Association for Music Education, Georgia Music Educators Association, Frank Callen Boys and Girls Club Alumni and Friends Association, Thursday Morning Breakfast Club, Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Savannah Basketball and Football Officials Association, Beach High School Athletic Hall of Fame Association, Beach High Alumni Class of 1959, Beach High School Alumni Association, and SSU National Alumni Association; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hutchins is an active member of Bethel A. M. E. Church, where he is a member of the trustee board, Sons of Allen, Senior Choir, and Committee on Black History; 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 on US-17 in Chatham County, east of Red Gate Farms Road, over the CSX Rail Line, is dedicated as the Lawrence Hutchins, Jr. Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Lawrence Hutchins, Jr. Bridge and remove any signs in order to effectuate the purpose of 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 family of Mr. Lawrence Hutchins, Jr. and to the Department of Transportation.

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

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Resolution are repealed.