

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2024

Act 702

House Resolution 854, Part V & Part XXI

Effective May 6, 2024

STATE REPRESENTATIVE CALVIN SYMRE INTERCHANGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Representative Calvin Smyre 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

WHEREAS, Representative Smyre graduated from high school in Frankfurt, Germany, and earned a bachelor's degree from Fort Valley University; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1975, where his leadership, diplomacy, and friendship were treasured by his colleagues and his experience and vision earned him the title as Dean of the House; and

WHEREAS, for nearly five decades Representative Smyre led the Georgia House of Representatives as a consensus builder, helping to usher life changing legislation to passage and broker compromise on ground breaking issues; and

WHEREAS, over the years he has held numerous leadership roles outside of the State Capitol, including with Fort Valley State Board of Trustees, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Sigma Pi Phi Fraternity, Columbus Medical Center Board of Trustees, Columbus Metro Urban League, Liberty Theater Cultural Center, the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, the Georgia Association of Black Elected Officials, and the Democratic Party at the county, state, and national level; and

WHEREAS, Representative Smyre's tireless dedication to others has been recognized with numerous awards, including two time National Legislator of the Year by the National Black Caucus of State Legislators, Humanitarian of the Year by the National Council of Black Women, and the Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity Award from Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, to name just a few; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the intersection at I-185 and Macon Road in Muscogee County, is dedicated as the State Representative Calvin Smyre Interchange.

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 to Representative Calvin Smyre.