

# ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 1962

Act 86

House Resolution 349-737

Effective February 16, 1962

## ERNEST VANDIVER CAUSEWAY — DESIGNATED.

### A RESOLUTION

Designating the S. Ernest Vandiver Causeway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Honorable S. Ernest Vandiver, Governor of Georgia, has served the State of Georgia and the United States in various and varied important capacities; having served meritoriously in World War II as a pilot in the Army Air Force after having graduated from the University of Georgia with the degrees of Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Laws; and having served as Mayor of Lavonia, Georgia, and having served as Adjutant General of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Honorable S. Ernest Vandiver has served as Director of Selective Service for the State, and has served as State Director of Civil Defense while simultaneously serving as an active member on the Legislative Committee of the National Guard Association of the United States, and later as a member of the Executive Counsel of the Adjutant General Association of the United States, and has served as President of the National Association of State Civil Defense Directors; and

WHEREAS, Honorable S. Ernest Vandiver was federally recognized as Major General in the Air National Guard of the United States on April 17, 1952, and

WHEREAS, Honorable S. Ernest Vandiver was the youngest individual ever to receive this honor, and

WHEREAS, Honorable S. Ernest Vandiver was one of five young men selected by the Georgia State Junior Chamber of Commerce as Man of the Year in 1952; and

WHEREAS, in June of 1954, he resigned as Adjutant General and entered the race for Lieutenant Governor and was elected by an overwhelming majority, having carried 121 counties, and having received 318 unit votes; and

WHEREAS, he served in that capacity as a devoted and hard-working public servant until 1958 in which year, on September 10, 1958, he was elected Governor of Georgia by a landslide, having polled 499,477 popular votes, and having received 400 unit votes, and having carried 156 counties. The aforementioned vote was the largest victory ever accorded a candidate for the Office of Governor of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, Honorable S. Ernest Vandiver has seen the State of Georgia through crucial and trying times and has pursued the duties of his office with perspicacity and the dignity becoming of a true Statesman and Southern Gentleman; and

WHEREAS, it is altogether fitting and proper that the memory of this man who has devoted his life to protecting the ideals of our country's founding fathers and to the service of the people of this State and Nation, be properly preserved.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of Highway 82, from the city of Georgetown, to the "Richard B. Russell Bridge" be named and designated "Ernest Vandiver Causeway," in order to perpetuate the stature of Governor S. Ernest Vandiver, a great patriot, leader, public servant, and faithful son of the State of Georgia.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the proper authorities are hereby authorized and directed to so name and designate said highway and are hereby directed to erect suitable markers thereon at State expense.