

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
GEORGIA 1986**

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ROLAND HAYES PARKWAY — DESIGNATED.

No. 61 (House Resolution No. 588).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Roland Hayes Parkway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Roland Hayes, a descendant of slaves, was born near the community of Curryville in Gordon County, Georgia, in 1887 and from this humble background he utilized his God-given talent of a rich, ringing tenor voice to advance himself in life by attracting the attention of people of culture and taste; and

WHEREAS, through his dedication and hard work he received an education at Fisk University and became a music student of Arthur Hubbard of Boston; and

WHEREAS, because of his training and talent he became one of the greatest concert tenors of all time having sung in the United States and in most countries in Europe where he performed before kings, queens, and heads of state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes is acclaimed as one of the greatest tenors of all time whose voice was so full of timbre, purity, flexibility, tenderness, richness, and shade as to have been almost indescribable in its beauty and effect; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes, who excelled in the classics was also well-known for his beautiful renditions of Afro-American spirituals and folk melodies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hayes was an indisputable master of his art who rose to true international greatness and fame, but who never forgot his home and those people who inspired him and to whom he later brought inspiration; and

WHEREAS, through the years he always remembered Gordon County, Georgia, and the Curryville Community as home, owning and at times living on his old homeplace and farm; and

WHEREAS, the memory of Mr. Roland Hayes and his present descendants bring pride and honor to Gordon County and the State of Georgia and it is therefore only fitting and proper to memorialize this great man.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that in recognition of the many accomplishments and outstanding contributions to mankind made by Mr. Roland Hayes the portion of Georgia Highway 156 between the Floyd County line and such highway's intersection with the C. L. Moss Parkway in Calhoun, Georgia, is designated as the Roland Hayes Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate markers identifying the Roland Hayes Parkway.

Approval Date: Approved March 31, 1986.