

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
GEORGIA 1990**

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ERNEST W. STRICKLAND BRIDGE;
JOE A. WHITHERINGTON BRIDGE;
BANKS CROSSING HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

No. 57 (Senate Resolution No. 461).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Ernest W. Strickland Bridge, designating the Joe A. Whitherington Bridge, designating the Banks Crossing Highway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, on April 24, 1986, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest and most distinguished citizens in the untimely passing of Ernest W. Strickland; and

WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a member of the House of Representatives for eight years; and

WHEREAS, he was a lifelong resident of Evans County and a devoted member of the Daisy United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of the board for 38 years; and

WHEREAS, he was a prominent farmer, charter member and past president of the Evans County Farm Bureau, and president of Claxton Oil Company, Claxton Warehouse, Inc., and Strickland Transportation, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, his special contributions were indispensable in the establishment of the renowned Annual Rattlesnake Roundup; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in the House of Representatives, Mr. Strickland devoted much time and energy to widening U. S. Highway 301 to four lanes through Georgia, and said highway presently has four lanes from Statesboro to Interstate Highway 16 and from Interstate Highway 16 to Claxton; and

WHEREAS, until his retirement in January, 1990, Joe A. Whitherington, city engineer, had served the City of Macon longer than any other active city employee or official; and

WHEREAS, he began his public employment in 1935 in the engineering division of the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, he moved to Macon and began work in the city engineering department; and

WHEREAS, he interrupted his city employment only to enlist in World War II where he served in General Patton's Third Army and was awarded the Purple Heart and three Battle Stars; and

WHEREAS, after the war, he returned to Macon and resumed his position in city engineering, which he performed with distinction and a rare dedication; and

WHEREAS, he is a registered civil engineer and land surveyor; and

WHEREAS, he is a charter member and past president and director of the Macon chapter of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Joe A. Whitherington's 50 years of loyalty and dedication to the City of Macon and in honor of his many contributions to his community, it is only fitting and proper that this state perpetuate his name in an appropriate manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over the Canoochee River on U. S. Highway 301 in Evans County, Georgia, is designated as the Ernest W. Strickland Bridge; the state bridge currently designated as the Hardeman Bridge, which crosses I-75 in Bibb County, Georgia, is designated as the Joe A. Whitherington Bridge; and that portion of U. S. Highway 441 in Banks County, Georgia, from the intersection of Interstate 85 and U. S. Highway 441 north to the city limits of Homer, Georgia, is designated as the Banks Crossing Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate markers designating the Ernest W. Strickland Bridge, the Joe A. Whitherington Bridge, and the Banks Crossing Highway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the commissioner of transportation and to the families of Mr. Ernest W. Strickland and Mr. Joe A. Whitherington.

Approval Date: Approved March 22, 1990.

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JOE A. WHITHERINGTON BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

No. 103 (Senate Resolution No. 931).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Joe A. Whitherington Bridge, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, until his retirement in January, 1990, Joe A. Whitherington, city engineer, had served the City of Macon longer than any other active city employee or official; and

WHEREAS, he began his public employment in 1935 in the engineering division of the Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in 1939, he moved to Macon and began work in the city engineering department; and

WHEREAS, he interrupted his city employment only to enlist in World War II where he served in General Patton's Third Army and was awarded the Purple Heart and three Battle Stars; and

WHEREAS, after the war, he returned to Macon and resumed his position in city engineering, which he performed with distinction and a rare dedication; and

WHEREAS, he is a registered civil engineer and land surveyor; and

WHEREAS, he is a charter member and past president and director of the Macon chapter of the Georgia Society of Professional Engineers; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of Joe A. Whitherington's 50 years of loyalty and dedication to the City of Macon and in honor of his many contributions to his community, it is only fitting and proper that this state perpetuate his name in an appropriate manner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the state bridge currently designated as the Hardeman Bridge, which crosses I-75 in Bib County, Georgia, is designated as the Joe A. Whitherington Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place appropriate marker designating the Joe. A. Whitherington Bridge.

Approval Date: Approved April 4, 1990.