

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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ROGER E. JAMES BRIDGE;
J. TRUMAN HOLMES BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

No. 47 (Senate Resolution No. 233).

A RESOLUTION

Commending Mr. Roger E. James and designating the Roger E. James Bridge and honoring Mr. J. Truman Holmes and designating the J. Truman Holmes Bridge; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Roger E. James is a lifelong resident of Clinch County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, a committed conservationist, Mr. James is the owner and operator of Air Growers, a company which plants pine trees, and Mr. James has been responsible for planting more pine trees in this state than any other man, and the benefit he has brought both to the ecology and to the economy of this state is immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, he is widely regarded among those who know him as not only a successful businessman and conservationist, but also as a fine person and a good friend to have; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that an appropriate monument should be dedicated to this distinguished Georgian.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the members of this body commend Mr. Roger E. James for his many achievements and contributions to his community and state.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the bridge over Suwannee Creek on State Road 37 in Clinch County, Georgia, is named and designated as the Roger E. James Bridge.

WHEREAS, J. Truman Holmes, the son of Will and Martha Burch Holmes, was born on February 23, 1897, near Hiawassee, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he attended school at Macedonia and the Hiawassee Academy; and

WHEREAS, during the depression, he joined the Civil Conservation Corps and helped build the rock tower on Brasstown Bald; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes was employed by the State of Georgia as a prison guard and later as a game warden in the Lake Chatuge area for approximately 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Holmes and his lovely wife, Stella Brown Holmes, had seven children, four of whom served in World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Holmes were one of the most respected and best-loved couples in the Towns County area and did much to contribute and preserve the mountain way of life; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of his many contributions to his community and state, it is only fitting and proper that this state perpetuate his name in an appropriate fashion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge over the Hiawassee River on U.S. Highway 76 in Towns County, Georgia, is designated the J. Truman Holmes Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating the Roger E. James Bridge and the J. Truman Holmes Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Roger E. James and to the family of Mr. J. Truman Holmes.

Approval Date: Approved April 12, 1991.