

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1994

JIMMIE DYESS PARKWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, the life and death of Lt. Col. A. James Dyess is an inspiration to all Americans who aspire to patriotism and greatness, and

WHEREAS, Jimmie Dyess, a native Augustan, reflected great credit upon his city and this region by winning the Carnegie Medal for heroism at age 19 by risking his life to save a drowning woman from the Atlantic Ocean; and

WHEREAS, he brought further distinction to himself and his region by earning the Congressional Medal of Honor for bravery under fire while leading his men in a successful charge against a Japanese stronghold on a Pacific Island during World War II; and

WHEREAS, comrades-in-arms gave him their highest accolade by calling him a "true Marine" and

WHEREAS, he is the only person in history to win both the Carnegie Medal and the Congressional Medal of Honor by showing his willingness to lay down his life for another both in war and in peace.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the new extension of Belair Road from I-20 to Gordon Highway in Augusta be designated the "Jimmie Dyess Parkway" in recognition of his many accomplishments, and the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs along the roadway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of the meeting, and an appropriate copy be presented to the Dyess family.

Unanimously adopted this 20th day of October, 1994.