

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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BENSON HAM ROAD — DESIGNATED.

No. 37 (House Resolution No. 438).

A RESOLUTION

Designating Benson Ham Road; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip Benson Ham was born on January 6, 1934, the son of John Wesley Ham and Laura Belle Benson Ham; and

WHEREAS, he was graduated from Mercer University in 1957 and received a Juris Doctor degree from the Walter F. George School of Law, Mercer University, in 1959, and he began practicing law in June of that year and is now managing partner with the law firm of Ham, Jenkins, Wilson, and Wangerin in Forsyth, Georgia, and he has served as president of the Flint Judicial Circuit Bar Association and as a member of the Board of Governors of the Georgia Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ham's public service includes ten years as a member of the Georgia General Assembly; vice chairperson of the State Board of Elections; and many years of service as chairperson or president of the Monroe County Board of Education; and service as president or chairperson of many civic and other organizations, including the Monroe County Jaycees, the Exchange Club of Forsyth, the Forsyth Lions Club, the Monroe County Sportsmans Federation, the Monroe County Community Action Committee, the Upper Ocmulgee Economic Opportunity Commission, the Monroe County Chapter of the American Cancer Society, the Central Georgia Electric Membership Corporation, and the Monroe County Economic Development Authority; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ham helped organize the Middle Georgia Area Planning and Development Commission and served on the board of directors, was instrumental in locating the Georgia Public Safety Training Center and several industries in Forsyth and Monroe counties, and was instrumental in the decision to expand the intersection of Interstate Highway 75 and State Road 18 to a full interchange; and

WHEREAS, he was married for 37 years to the former Elsie Sanders until her death in 1993, and their union produced five children and nine grandchildren, and he is now married to the former Ruth Chapman.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the frontage road that parallels the east side of Interstate Highway 75 in Monroe County between State Road 18 and County Road 271, also known as Juliette Road, be designated as Benson Ham Road.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs at appropriate locations designating said road as provided in this resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to Phillip Benson Ham and to the commissioner of transportation.

Approval Date: Approved April 11, 1995.