

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF  
GEORGIA 1996**

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HAMILTON E. HOLMES DRIVE — DESIGNATED.

No. 90 (House Resolution No. 1005).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the Hamilton E. Holmes Drive in Fulton County; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Hamilton E. Holmes was born on July 8, 1941, to Alfred "Tup" Holmes and Isabella C. Holmes and was a lifelong resident of Fulton County; and

WHEREAS, in January, 1961, he and Charlayne Hunter were the first African Americans to enter the University of Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he subsequently graduated with honors in 1963 and was elected Phi Beta Kappa; and

WHEREAS, he was the first African American student to attend Emory University School of Medicine where he received the doctor of medicine degree in 1967; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hamilton E. Holmes served his country honorably in the United States Army in Germany where he attained the rank of major; and

WHEREAS, upon his discharge from the U.S. Army, Dr. Holmes embarked on a distinguished medical career as an orthopedic surgeon; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes further distinguished himself as assistant professor of orthopedics and associate dean at Emory University School of Medicine; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes served Grady Memorial Hospital as Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs, medical director, and head of orthopedic surgery for the Grady Health System; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes received numerous honors, awards, and citations for professional and community service; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Holmes was elected as trustee to the University of Georgia Foundation; and

WHEREAS, the University of Georgia honored him with the Bicentennial Medal and established the Holmes-Hunter Lecture Series at the university in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Emory University bestowed upon him the Emory Medal, the highest honor given alumni for his achievements and contributions; and

WHEREAS, he was held in high regard by the citizens of the City of Atlanta, Fulton County, and the State of Georgia.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of Georgia Highway 280 in Fulton County from its point of intersection with Georgia Highway 8 (also known as U.S. Highway 278/8) southward to its intersection with Georgia Highway 139 is designated the Hamilton E. Holmes Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating the Hamilton E. Holmes Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the commissioner of transportation and to the family of Dr. Hamilton E. Holmes.

**Approval Date:** Approved April 15, 1996.