

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1996

HERMAN TALMADGE HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, Herman Eugene Talmadge has compiled a record of public service matched in its length and scope by perhaps only one other Georgian and few Americans; and

WHEREAS, when he was elected Governor of Georgia in 1948 he became the youngest governor in the nation; and

WHEREAS, during his seven-year tenure in that office he began equalizing and doubling teachers' salaries while launching the most aggressive school building program in the state's history; and

WHEREAS, he championed the causes that were important to Georgians, establishing the state's first industrial expansion program, paving more of Georgia's dirt roads, building more hospitals and highways, and developing the economic and social infrastructure that established Georgia as a benchmark for other states to emulate; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Talmadge enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1941, serving his country in the Southwest Pacific for fifty-two months and rising to the rank of lieutenant commander; and

WHEREAS, when elected to the U.S. Senate in 1956, he fought hard and steady to maintain a strong national defense and a sound economy through legislative initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Senator Talmadge made our urban areas safer, better places to live and improved the quality of life for the elderly, the sick, and the disabled. He was the farmer's friend, and believes that every person should have an equal opportunity to enjoy the fruits of their labor; and

WHEREAS, his former colleagues, from Senator Sam Nunn to Senator Bob Dole have declared him to be a "fine statesman from the great State of Georgia whom Georgians can be most proud of because of his work as their advocate"; and

WHEREAS, this distinguished resident of Hampton continues to be a public servant in every way.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the section of U.S. Highways 19 and 41 from the southern end of Tara Boulevard in Jonesboro to the Griffin City Limits be designated the "Herman Talmadge Highway" to remind all who travel this way of his contributions to their quality of life, and that of future generations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a suitable copy be provided to Senator Talmadge, and that the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs along this roadway.

Adopted this 21st day of November, 1996.