

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

Act 71

Senate Resolution 507

Effective April 9, 1996

CHARLES A. PANNELL, SR. HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating the Charles A. Pannell, Sr. Highway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Charles A. Pannell, Sr., was born on January 19, 1911, in Eton, Murray County, Georgia, and he graduated from the Eton High School before attending Young Harris College, Mercer University, and the University of Georgia, earning an Bachelor of Laws Degree in 1937; and

WHEREAS, he was a teacher in the Murray County schools, was elected Mayor of Eton at the age of 21 and served from 1933 to 1935, and he began practicing law in Chatsworth in 1937, served as city attorney for the City of Chatsworth from 1942 to 1950, and county attorney for Murray County from 1940 to 1944 and again from 1949 to 1950; and

WHEREAS, he served in the General Assembly both as a Representative and as a Senator from 1939 to 1950 and from 1959 to 1963, and served on the State Board of Pardons and Paroles from 1950 to 1955, serving as chairperson from 1953 to 1955 and he served on the Georgia Court of Appeals from 1963 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pannell has been married for over 46 years to Ruth Ann Loughridge Pannell, and the couple has three children, Charles A. Pannell, Jr., who is presently serving as a superior court judge, James Loughridge Pannell, who served ably in the General Assembly in the House of Representatives, and William Allen Pannell, and seven grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, during his legislative career, he was instrumental in keeping Georgia's public schools open during the turmoil of integration, and he championed the cause of education and facilitated the creation of Dalton College; and

WHEREAS, during his service in the General Assembly and as county attorney, he was instrumental in obtaining funds and rights of way for the construction of State Highway 225 from Calhoun in Gordon County through Murray County to the Tennessee line.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the members of this body honor and commend Mr. Charles A. Pannell, Sr., for his many years of public service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the portion of State Highway 225, from State Highway 286, north to the Georgia-Tennessee state line, is designated the "Charles A. Pannell, Sr. Highway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this Resolution to the Department of Transportation and the family of Mr. Charles A. Pannell, Sr.