

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

Act 86

House Resolution 1039, Part a

Effective April 15, 1996

ELBERT. L. JACKSON MEMORIAL BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating the Elbert L. Jackson Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Mr. Elbert L. Jackson of Forsyth, Georgia, passed away on April 27, 1994, leaving behind a fine family, many friends, and good memories, the legacy of a life well lived; and

WHEREAS, the son of the late Leon Willis and Myrtle Bryant Jackson, he was a veteran of World War II and was a retired investigator with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department and was a former director of the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency, and he was a member of the Monroe County Board of Registrars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was a member of the Monroe County Sportsman's Federation, which is affiliated with the Georgia Wildlife Federation, and was well known as a conservationist committed to the responsible stewardship of the natural resources of Monroe County and the state, and he worked on a volunteer basis with the Department of Natural Resources conservation officers; and

WHEREAS, surviving him are his wife, Jean Watts Jackson; two daughters, Meg Stovall and Barbie Martin; two sons, Carl and Jim Jackson; and many other relatives and friends; and

WHEREAS, Honorable John Frank McConnell served with honor and distinction as the Sheriff of Chattooga County, and he performed the duties and responsibilities of that office with the utmost integrity; and

WHEREAS, as the chief law enforcement officer for the county, his respect for the criminal justice system in this state and the high standards he expected of his officers and staff contributed significantly to the public safety provided to the community; and

WHEREAS, he demonstrated a deep sense of dedication to his law enforcement career, and his exemplary commitment to the administration of justice served as a model for peace officers throughout the state; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of his community and local government officials remember well the extraordinary leadership and steadfast devotion of Sheriff John Frank McConnell, and it is abundantly fitting that the Georgia Bureau of Investigation crime laboratory in Chattooga County be named in honor of him.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the members of this body express regret at the passing of Mr. Elbert L. Jackson and convey condolences to his bereaved family and friends.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the bridge on State Route 87 in Monroe County, over the Towaliga River, is designated the Elbert L. Jackson Memorial Bridge.

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 Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this Resolution to the Department of Transportation and Ms. Jean Watts Jackson.