

RESOLUTIONS BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1996

Adopted November 21, 1996

ERNEST VANDIVER HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Honorable Ernest Vandiver, Jr., a native of Franklin County, has served his nation, his state and his community all of his adult life; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation from the University of Georgia he served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, he was elected Mayor of Lavonia in 1946 at a very early age, then continued his public service as an aide to Governor Eugene Talmadge, then as State Adjutant General for six years under Governor Herman Talmadge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Vandiver became the nation's youngest adjutant general at the age of thirty, then attained the rank of major general in the United States Air National Guard in 1952; and

WHEREAS, from 1955 to 1959 he served as Lieutenant Governor of Georgia, and as Governor from 1959 to 1963, while our state was emerging as a national leader in many fields; and

WHEREAS, Governor Vandiver provided calm, competent leadership for Georgia during a turbulent time, stressing honesty and economy in government; and

WHEREAS, it was said that "he did not forget the mentally ill", because he instituted vast improvements in the state's mental health facilities, establishing a firm foundation for future governors to build upon; and

WHEREAS, Governor Vandiver lives quietly in political retirement at his Lavonia home, he has by no means retired from the community, civic and business leadership for which he has always been noted.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA, that the portion of Interstate Highway 85, from the Banks-Franklin County line, to the Georgia-South Carolina state line, be designated the "Ernest Vandiver Highway," to remind all who pass this way of his contributions to the quality of life they enjoy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Commissioner of the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect appropriate signing for this designation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and that a copy be presented to Governor Vandiver.