

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF
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**WILLIAM THOMAS OVERBY MEMORIAL PARKWAY;
BUDDY REDDICK PARKWAY — DESIGNATED.**

No. 24 (Senate Resolution No. 260).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the William Thomas Overby Memorial Parkway and the Buddy Reddick Parkway;
and for other purposes.

PART I.

WHEREAS, William Thomas Overby was born in Brunswick County, Virginia, around 1840, the third child of William and Martha Overby, who were among the first families to settle in Coweta County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he volunteered for the 7th Georgia Infantry of the Confederate States of America, called the Coweta Guards, and was wounded in the Second Battle of Manassas; and

WHEREAS, he later joined the 43rd Battalion, Company D, Virginia Calvary, also called Moseby's Rangers; and

WHEREAS, he was captured by Union troops in Fort Royal, Virginia, and hanged without a trial; and

WHEREAS, originally buried on a private farm in Markman, Virginia, he was respectfully exhumed in December, 1996, and returned home to Coweta County, Georgia, and was reinterred in January, 1997, among the Confederate graves of Oakhill Cemetery in Newnan, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he was the only Georgian who received the Confederate Medal of Honor.

PART II

WHEREAS, Harry Cleveland "Buddy" Reddick lived a life that touched so many people from September 19, 1950, when he was born in Peach County, Georgia, to the sad day of his death in the town that loved him, Fort Valley, on March 31, 1996; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reddick attended Georgia Southern University and later Georgia Southwestern where he earned a degree in business administration and met his lovely wife, Becky; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reddick owned Reddick Hardware in Fort Valley, was past president of the Kiwanis Club and of the Peach County Chamber of Commerce, was past president of the Community Unity Group, past chairman of the Development Authority, and involved in Sunday School and coaching little league football; and

WHEREAS, Buddy received the Durwood Gassett Award in 1996 for his accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the list of his public accomplishments and civic contributions is certainly long, but Buddy's major contributions were as a friend to anybody who knew him. Buddy was unforgettable because he loved his community and all those in it; and

WHEREAS, on this the one-year anniversary of the month of Buddy's death, it is only fitting and proper that a beautiful stretch of road in the community dear to his heart be honored with his name.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY that the members of this body designate that portion of Georgia Highway 154 from Sharpsburg to the intersection of Georgia Highway 154 with U.S. Highway 29 as the William Thomas Overby Memorial Parkway, in honor of William Thomas Overby, courageous and distinguished Confederate soldier.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of this body designate the bypass around the City of Fort Valley from Georgia Highway 49 North to U.S. Highway 341 as the Buddy Reddick Parkway to honor this great man.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs designating the William Thomas Overby Memorial Parkway and the Buddy Reddick Parkway.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to deliver a copy of this resolution to Mrs. Becky Reddick.

Approval Date: Approved April 29, 1997.