

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 1997

Act 20

Senate Resolution 214, Part I

Effective April 29, 1997

LOVELL – WIKLE SCENIC HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating the Lovell-Wikle Scenic Highway; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, William Arthur Wikle was a native and lifelong resident of the Batesville community of Habersham County, Georgia, where he and his wife, Lela Smith Wikle, raised their five children; and

WHEREAS, he was a prominent merchant and cattleman who especially valued good roads and used his political influence to successfully obtain paved roads for his community; and

WHEREAS, Virgil L. Lovell, Sr., was born in the northeast Georgia mountains and established his home in the Batesville community of Habersham County, Georgia, where he and his wife, Lillie, raised their ten children, Black Angus cattle, chickens, and corn; and

WHEREAS, when the State of Georgia implemented plans in the late 1950's and early 1960's to build a highway from Batesville to Robertstown, Virgil Lovell and Arthur Wikle were the two largest landowners along the proposed route in Habersham County; and

WHEREAS, both of them generously donated the necessary rights of way through their properties to enable the highway to be built.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of State Route 356, from State 197 in Habersham County, to the White County line, is designated as the Lovell-Wikle Scenic Highway, in honor of Virgil L. Lovell and William Arthur Wikle.

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 families of Virgil L. Lovell, Sr. and William A. Wikle.