

RESOLUTIONS BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1998

Adopted January 15, 1998

EVANDER HOLYFIELD HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Evander Holyfield was born on October 19, 1962 in Atmore, Alabama, the youngest of nine children born to Mrs. Annie Laura Holyfield. He moved to Atlanta at the age of four; and

WHEREAS, Evander Holyfield won the Boys Club Tournament at age eight; competed in his first Junior Olympics at 11; won the Junior Welterweight Southeastern Regional Championship Tournament and Best Boxer Award at age 16; represented the United States in the Pan American Games in Caracas, Venezuela, where he won a silver medal at age 19; won the National Golden Gloves Championship and a bronze medal representing the U.S. in the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles at age 20; made his professional debut in November, 1984; and

WHEREAS, Evander won the WBC Continental Heavyweight Championship by defeating Michael Dokes in 1989 and on October 25, 1990, he became the undisputed Heavyweight Champion of the World by defeating Buster Douglas on October 25, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Evander won the heavyweight championship a third time on November 9, 1996, entering the history books along with Muhammad Ali as only the second person to become three-time heavyweight champion by defeating Mike Tyson and held that title after defeating him in a rematch; and

WHEREAS, Evander and his wife Dr. Janice Holyfield, M.D., carry his championship drive and vision into all facets of life, including raising their six children; and

WHEREAS, Evander has exemplified strong religious faith and Godly principles through a ministry that has included uplifting the less fortunate through the Evander Holyfield

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA, that the portion of State Route 279, from State Route 138, to State Route 85, be designated as the Evander Holyfield Highway.

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 Evander Holyfield.