

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1999

PAUL DUKE PARKWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, Mr. Paul A. Duke was born in DeKalb County and attended Druid Hills High School and Atlanta Boys High School; and

WHEREAS, he attended Georgia Tech, and as a junior was Captain of Bobby Dodd's first football team. In 1945 he received a B.S. degree in Mechanical Engineering from Georgia Tech. In 1946 he was named an All-American in football, and received a second B.S. Degree in Industrial Engineering from Georgia Tech. He is a member of Georgia Tech's Engineering Hall of Fame and a member of the Georgia Sports Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, after playing professional football in New York in 1947 and serving in the U.S. Navy Reserve, he joined with the Atlantic Steel Company in retail sales, engineering and production for eight years; and

WHEREAS, in 1955, he organized the Southern Division of the L.B. Foster Company, and moved the division headquarters to Gwinnett County in 1958, serving as CEO of the division and Vice President and Director of the parent company until 1968. That same year he formed his own company, Peachtree Corners, Incorporated, whose largest development is the planned community known by the same name. He also organized Technology Park/Atlanta, Incorporated; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Duke has been an officer of Buford Commercial Bank and Bank of Norcross, Gwinnett Bank and Trust Company, Heritage Bank, Commercial Bank of Georgia, Commercial Bank of Gwinnett and is a current member of the Metro Atlanta Board of Colonial Bank; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving with numerous business and civic organizations, Mr. Duke has received recognition for his outstanding community service. He was the 1982 recipient of Georgia Tech's Distinguished Alumni Service Award; he was named Gwinnett County's Citizen-of-the-Year in 1986; and he received the Georgia Tech President's Award in 1987. In 1996, he received the Button Gwinnett Award in recognition of his commitment to the quality of life for Gwinnett County and was the recipient of the Gwinnett Foundation Award for Community Leadership and Philanthropy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the section of State Route 141 from Jimmy Carter Boulevard to the Gwinnett County line be named the "Paul Duke Parkway."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be spread upon the minutes of this meeting, a suitable copy provided to Mr. Duke, and the Commissioner of Transportation be instructed to install appropriate signs designating this facility.

Adopted this 18th day of February, 1999.