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JAMES D. MASON MEMORIAL INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.

No. 2 (Senate Resolution No. 17).

A RESOLUTION

Designating the "James D. Mason Memorial Intersection"; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, James D. Mason ("Jimmy") was born on January 26, 1937, in Centerville, Georgia, located in the area of Gwinnett County where his family had settled in 1838; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy began his life of public service by volunteering to serve in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict; he then returned to Snellville and formed Mason Brothers Construction Company with his brother, Wayne Mason; together they built the first subdivisions in the area, built Snellville's first shopping center, and helped organize the first bank formed in Snellville, Gwinnett County Bank, in 1969; and, in addition, they donated property for Snellville parks and the public cemetery; and

WHEREAS, from 1961 until December of 1966, Jimmy served three terms on the Snellville City Council; from January, 1967, until January, 1975, he served in the General Assembly as a Representative from Gwinnett County at the inception of Gwinnett's big growth; and

WHEREAS, during his four terms in the House of Representatives, Jimmy sponsored legislation that revamped Gwinnett government, preparing the county for its transition from its rural past to a booming metropolitan community; and

WHEREAS, from April, 1975, until July, 1992, Jimmy served as a member of the State Properties Commission; and in July, 1992, Jimmy was appointed to serve on the Board of Directors of the Georgia Ports Authority where he served in the capacities of chair, vice chair, secretary-treasurer, and member; and

WHEREAS, he has been described as one of the most influential men in the making of modern Gwinnett; and

WHEREAS, after more than three decades on the political and business scene in Gwinnett and Georgia, Jimmy died June 5, 1998; and

WHEREAS, Jimmy was a man who loved his family, his work, his county, and his state, and it is only fitting and proper that he be honored by this state in his home county.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 124 and State Route 78 is hereby designated as the "James D. Mason Memorial Intersection," and that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect appropriate signs so identifying the intersection.

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 family of James D. Mason.

Approval Date: Approved April 22, 1999.