

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 1999

TOM MITCHELL HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, Tom Mitchell so ably served on the State Highway Board from 1970 until 1988 and as Chairman of the Board from June 1974 to April 1976; and

WHEREAS, he attended the National Democratic Convention in Chicago with the Georgia Delegation after his graduation from high school in 1956; and

WHEREAS, he was elected in 1962, as one of the youngest members to serve in the Georgia House of Representatives, where he participated on the House Highway Committee; and

WHEREAS, after serving two successful terms in the Georgia House of Representatives, Mr. Mitchell left the State Legislature in 1966 and continued his illustrious career in public service by participating on the Whitfield County Board of Commissioners from 1969 until 1970; and

WHEREAS, he encouraged economic growth in Whitfield County by playing a pivotal role in the passage of a \$1 million bond referendum which outlined road improvements; and

WHEREAS, in 1970 he was the youngest person ever elected to serve on the State Highway Board; and

WHEREAS, he also was the first individual from Whitfield County who had an opportunity to represent the Seventh Congressional District, which included Northwest Georgia, on the State Highway Board; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mitchell's record of service is unparalleled, so it is fitting and proper that he be recognized for his outstanding contributions to Whitfield County as well as the State.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the segment of State Route 71 from State Route 3 to the Tennessee state line be designated the "Tom Mitchell Highway."

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

Adopted this the 19th day of August, 1999.