

A RESOLUTION BY THE STATE TRANSPORTATION BOARD OF GEORGIA 2000

PETE WHEELER HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

WHEREAS, Pete Wheeler began his service as Georgia Commissioner of Veterans Service in 1949 where he has served for more than 50 years and where he continues to serve the citizens of the State of Georgia with distinction; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from the University of Georgia and received law degrees from John Marshall Law School, the Atlanta Law School, and the Augusta Law School and has been admitted to practice before all state and federal courts; and

WHEREAS, he dutifully served his country in the Army Infantry between 1942 and 1946 and continued to serve in the Georgia Army National Guard until July 1978, when he retired as a Brigadier General; and

WHEREAS, he has received many awards, including the AMVET's Silver Helmet Award, the American Legion's Gold Honor Medal, the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Silver Medal of Merit, and the George Washington Honor Medal from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge; and

WHEREAS, he has demonstrated his leadership capabilities by serving as the Georgia Chairman of the National Veterans Day Committee since 1954 when the name was changed from Armistice Day to Veterans Day, and as past president of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs; and

WHEREAS, he was appointed by President Johnson as a member of the U.S. Veterans Advisory Commission and he was appointed by President Clinton as Chairman of the World War II Memorial Advisory Board, where he currently serves; and

WHEREAS, he is a member of the State Bar of Georgia and recently received a certificate of accomplishment from that organization to commemorate his more than 50 years of service as a member of the State Bar; and

WHEREAS, he has enjoyed the distinction of having worked with all Presidents of the United States that were in office during his tenure as the Georgia Commissioner of Veterans Service; and

WHEREAS, he has been honored by the annual fundraising golf tournament, "Play It Again, Pete", sponsored by the Atlanta Veterans Administration Medical Center, to raise money for homeless veterans.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Clairmont Road from I-85 to State Route 8/U.S. 23 be named the "Pete Wheeler Highway."

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

Adopted this the 16th day of March 2000.