

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2003**

Act 406

House Resolution 129

Effective June 4, 2003

**SHELTON ISAIAH DELOACH MEMORIAL BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.**

**A RESOLUTION**

Dedicating the Shelton Isaiah DeLoach Memorial Bridge; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, Shelton Isaiah DeLoach was born on August 4, 1879, in Tattnall County and was the second of nine children born to Henry H. DeLoach and Maryann Todd DeLoach; and

WHEREAS, he was the devoted husband of Arrie Groover DeLoach and their union was blessed with seven children; and

WHEREAS, in 1914, he sold property which he had inherited and moved his family to newly acquired property on Beards Creek in an area of Liberty County from which Long County was later created and began supporting his family by farming, growing timber, raising livestock, and engaging in the turpentine business; and

WHEREAS, he was known and respected for his assistance to his neighbors during hard times and for his community leadership; and

WHEREAS, he was instrumental in the 1920 creation of Long County; and

WHEREAS, the first bridge across Beards Creek was built on his property and with his assistance; and

WHEREAS, in 1957, the Department of Transportation determined that a paved road from Hinesville to Glennville was needed and purchased approximately 3/4 mile of right of way from Mr. DeLoach for the purpose of building the present roadway and bridge; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost a distinguished citizen with the passing of Shelton Isaiah DeLoach on March 5, 1957; and

WHEREAS, seven of his grandsons and three of his great-grandsons have been employees of the Georgia Department of Transportation and continue this family's dedication to public transportation and economic development in Georgia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the bridge on SR-196, at the Tattnall-Long County line, is designated as the Shelton Isaiah DeLoach Memorial Bridge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to place and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this Resolution to the Department of Transportation and the family of Shelton Isaiah DeLoach.