

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2007

Act 361

House Resolution 171, Part XVII

Effective May 29, 2007

CHARLES AND MARY COWART BYPASS — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the late Charles Cowart was born in Arlington, Georgia, in 1909, and lived there all of his life; and

WHEREAS, he served the public as county commissioner in Calhoun County for 37 years, including 32 years as chairman. During those years, he made numerous trips to Atlanta to work first-hand with legislators and state department heads to find ways to improve Calhoun County; and

WHEREAS, he was always active in his church, Arlington United Methodist, holding various positions, most notably as chairman of the Board of Trustees for many years; and he belonged to several civic organizations; and

WHEREAS, he and Mary Martin were married in 1934; and

WHEREAS, the late Mary Martin Cowart was born in Blakely, Georgia, in 1908; her family moved to Arlington shortly thereafter, and she lived the rest of her life in Arlington; and

WHEREAS, she was very much involved in the work that brought the hospital to Arlington in the mid-1950s, and she then became a charter member of the Hospital Board, where she served as chairwoman for many years; during this same period of time, she worked tirelessly with many others to help Arlington become a Better Hometown community; and

WHEREAS, she always had a deep concern for the underprivileged, and she showed this concern during the many years that she worked for DFACS in Calhoun and Early counties and then later as manager of the Arlington Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, she was a lifelong member of the Arlington United Methodist Church where she taught adult Sunday School classes for many years, and served in several other positions on the administrative board of the church.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of SR-45 Alternate in Calhoun County, from the intersection of SR-45, SR-62, SR-216, and Cedar Street, to SR-45, be designated as the Charles and Mary Cowart Bypass.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities 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 Charles and Mary Cowart.