

# ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2008

Act 747

Senate Resolution 1055, Part XII

Effective May 14, 2008

## GENERAL BILL LIVSEY HIGHWAY — DESIGNATED.

### A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, William J. Livsey was born June 8, 1931, at Clarkston, Georgia, where he attended the public schools and there distinguished himself in scholastics and athletics; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Clarkston High School he attended North Georgia College where he further excelled scholastically and athletically, and he completed the Reserve Officer Training Corps curriculum, graduating in June 1952, whereupon he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, shortly thereafter, he served as a platoon leader in the Korean War, earning the Silver Star for gallantry in action; and

WHEREAS, he continued to distinguish himself in his military career seeing further combat duty in Viet Nam as Commander of an infantry battalion; rising through every level of command position while serving in the United States and in four subsequent overseas tours, and culminating his career with assignment as Commander in Chief, United Nations Command/Commander in Chief, Combined Forces Command/Commander, United States Forces, Korea/Commanding General, Eighth United States Army; and

WHEREAS, his military education included completion of the Army's Command and General Staff College (where he was first in his class), the Armed Forces Staff College, and the Army War College; and

WHEREAS, awards and decorations received by him also include the Defense Distinguished Service Medal, the Legion of Merit with three Oak Leaf Clusters, the Distinguished Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device, and the Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device (with two Oak Leaf Clusters); and

WHEREAS, General Livsey retired in 1987 after attaining the rank of four-star General, one of only four Georgians ever to be so recognized by the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement General Livsey served the people of our state as a member of the Board of Trustees of North Georgia College and State University, his alma mater; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career of service around the world, General Livsey continually maintained his home in our State of Georgia, residing today at his residence in Fayette County with his wife Bena Sue Burns Livsey, originally of East Point; and

WHEREAS, General Livsey is credited with being among the first, if not the first, to remind us that "Freedom is not Free"; and

WHEREAS, the life of unselfish service of General William J. Livsey has been dedicated to securing and preserving the blessing of freedom to the people of the United States of America, bringing honor and pride to his native State of Georgia.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of SR-314 North, from SR 85, north to the Fayette County line, be designated as the General Bill Livsey Highway.

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

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 General Bill Livsey.