

**ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2011**

Act 256

House Resolution 507, Part VIII

Effective July 1, 2011

CLAUDE A. BRAY, JR. BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Claude A. Bray, Jr., was born on July 14, 1931, at the home of his maternal grandparents, Otis E. and Fannie Smith, in Grantville, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Manchester High School in 1949 where he was president of his senior class, co-captain of the football team, and a member of the tennis team; and

WHEREAS, in 1954, he earned his law degree from the University of Georgia Law School, where he served as Chief Justice of the Honor Court, President of the Law Student Advisory Council, and President of the Law School Student Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, after graduation, Claude entered the United States Air Force with a commission as a 2nd Lieutenant and served on active duty in the office of the Judge Advocate General; and

WHEREAS, after his discharge, he established law offices in Meriwether County, in Greenville and Manchester; and

WHEREAS, he was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1967 and served through 1987; he was a member of the Ways and Means Committee, vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Claude was appointed as a director of the State Workers' Compensation Board; and

WHEREAS, he has served in many civic organizations and as a Deacon and member of the First Baptist Church, as well as a Sunday school teacher; and

WHEREAS, he is the widower of Carolyn Ann Irwin, and they had three children, Charles Bradley Bray, Claudia Allison Bray, and Carolyn Ann Irwin Bray Linn; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that Claude A. Bray, Jr., be honored for his life of achievement and service to the people of Georgia and Meriwether County, and that a lasting reminder of his work be established.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the members of this body join in honoring the outstanding accomplishments of Claude A. Bray, Jr. and dedicate the bridge on SR-41, over the Pigeon Creek, as the Claude A. Bray, Jr. Bridge.

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 Commissioner of the Department of Transportation and the family of Claude A. Bray, Jr.