

House Resolution 1177 (AS PASSED HOUSE AND SENATE)

By: Representatives Williams of the 113th and Channell of the 116th

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

6 WHEREAS, United States military veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment
7 to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
8 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

9 WHEREAS, they have served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and have
10 diligently and conscientiously undergone intensive and rigorous training in order to serve
11 their country with honor and distinction during times of war and peace; and

12 WHEREAS, it is important that veterans are thanked for their selfless service to this nation
13 and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the
14 United States; and

15 WHEREAS, veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something
16 greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding
17 accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished Americans be honored
18 appropriately.

19 **PART II**

20 WHEREAS, Herman E. Black was highly regarded by the citizens of the City of Gray and
21 by local government officials as a person of substance; and

22 WHEREAS, he was the son of William and Maggie Black, both pillars of the community;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, he spent 76 years of his life as a citizen of Jones County; and

25 WHEREAS, he was the father of four children, a husband, and a friend; and

26 WHEREAS, he gave a lifetime of service and commitment to his community by serving on
27 the Jones County Board of Equalization, was a founding member of the Jones County Men's
28 Club, and was a member of the Optimist Club; and

29 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate State Route 22 in the City of Gray from the
30 eastern city limit to its intersection with State Route 11 as the Herman E. Black Memorial
31 Highway as an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

32 **PART III**

33 WHEREAS, Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins was shot and killed after making a traffic stop of a
34 robbery suspect on I-95 shortly after midnight on August 28, 2000; and

35 WHEREAS, Sgt. Jenkins had been with the Camden County Sheriff's Department for 7
36 years, and had been in law enforcement for 11 years; and

37 WHEREAS, the Camden County Sheriff's Department named him Officer of the Year in
38 1999; and

39 WHEREAS, in August of 2010, the 28th of August was declared to be Sergeant Carlton
40 Daniel Jenkins Day in Camden County; and

41 WHEREAS, he is survived by his wife and five children; and

42 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a permanent memorial to this outstanding
43 officer's life and service be established by dedicating an interchange on I-95 in his honor.

44 **PART IV**

45 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
46 with the passing of Mr. J. Dixon Hays on November 21, 2010; and

47 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was born in Mansfield, Georgia, a beloved son of the late James
48 Dixon and Ruth Ewing Hays; and

49 WHEREAS, a dairy farmer in Newton County for 50 years, Mr. Hays served on the boards
50 of the Newton County Dairy Association, Newton County Farm Bureau, and Gold Kist
51 Co-op and earned the Atlanta Farmers Club's Distinguished Agri-Business Leader Award in
52 1982; and

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was an active community leader, serving on the Newton Medical
54 Center Authority for 32 years, the Snapping Shoals Electric Trust Board for 13 years, and
55 treasurer and board member of the Mansfield Community Center; and

56 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Hays was a lifelong member of Luther
57 Hays Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder and treasurer for 26 years; and

58 WHEREAS, Mr. Hays was united in love and marriage for 59 wonderful years to Marilyn
59 Harris Hays and was blessed with the adoration and support of his children, Melinda and Jim
60 Lord and Julius and Jamie Hays; and

61 WHEREAS, he was the proud grandfather of Jennifer Lord and Eric Wilson, Mary Beth Lord
62 and Rich Zamor, Rebecca Lord, and Jessie Hays; and

63 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
64 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
65 family and friends were admired by others; and

66 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
67 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
68 made this world a better place in which to live; and

69 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Hays will long be remembered for his
70 love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will be
71 missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

72 **PART V**

73 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
74 with the passing of the Honorable Jimmie Hodge Timmons, Jr., on April 5, 2011; and

75 WHEREAS, Mr. Timmons was born on June 11, 1939, in Edison, Georgia, a beloved son
76 of Lucille Daniels Timmons and Jimmie Hodge "Red" Timmons, Sr.; and

77 WHEREAS, a graduate of Damascus High School, Mr. Timmons earned an associate's
78 degree from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, a bachelor's degree from the University
79 of Georgia, a master's degree from Auburn University, and a specialist's degree from the
80 University of Georgia; and

81 WHEREAS, Mr. Timmons served as an esteemed member of the Georgia State Senate from
82 1974 to 1992, adeptly representing the citizens of Senate District 11 and earning the respect
83 and admiration of his colleagues; and

84 WHEREAS, a distinguished educator for 40 years, Mr. Timmons served as an agriculture
85 teacher at Bainbridge High School, principal of Damascus Elementary School, principal and
86 Title I coordinator in the Calhoun County School System, and superintendent of the Calhoun
87 County School System; and

88 WHEREAS, he was an active member of Arlington Baptist Church, the Demosthenian
89 Literary Society of the University of Georgia, and the Calhoun Rifles Sons of Confederate
90 Veterans Edison-Calhoun County; and

91 WHEREAS, Mr. Timmon's leadership and guidance were instrumental during his service as
92 president of the Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College Alumni Association and president
93 and secretary of the Arlington and Edison's Lions Clubs; and

94 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to "his honey," Lorraine Kavakos Timmons,
95 and was blessed with four remarkable stepchildren, Tommy, Laura, Bill, and Glynda, and
96 two wonderful grandchildren, Will and Marin; and

97 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
98 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
99 family and friends were admired by others; and

100 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
101 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
102 made this world a better place in which to live; and

103 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Timmons will long be remembered for
104 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal brother, husband, stepfather, grandfather, and
105 friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

106 **PART VI**

107 WHEREAS, Mr. Clarence Williams, Sr., has long been recognized by the citizens of this
108 state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to
109 the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

110 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
111 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
112 dramatically by his superlative service with the University of Georgia Cooperative
113 Extension; and

114 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
115 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
116 citizens of this state have earned him great respect and admiration; and

117 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Williams is an active member of St. Peter's
118 AME Church in Midway, Georgia; and

119 WHEREAS, he has served as an uplifting and inspirational mentor to countless young people
120 and has worked tirelessly throughout his lifetime to improve housing conditions in Liberty
121 County; and

122 WHEREAS, Mr. Williams is a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable
123 reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness; and

124 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
125 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized with a lasting tribute.

126 **PART VII**

127 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
128 enforcement officers with the tragic passing of Trooper Chadwick T. LeCroy on December
129 27, 2010; and

130 WHEREAS, Trooper LeCroy joined the Georgia State Patrol in January, 2008, and was
131 highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials
132 as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law
133 enforcement; and

134 WHEREAS, a member of the Crime Suppression Unit within Georgia State Patrol Troop C,
135 Trooper LeCroy was killed in the line of duty after tracking down a fleeing suspect who he
136 had attempted to stop for a headlight violation in Atlanta; and

137 WHEREAS, in recognition of the ultimate sacrifice made for the call of duty, Trooper
138 LeCroy was posthumously promoted to the rank of corporal by Commissioner of the Georgia
139 Department of Public Safety Colonel Bill Hitchens; and

140 WHEREAS, Trooper LeCroy's promotion marks only the second time in the Georgia State
141 Patrol's 74 year history that an officer has received such an honor; and

142 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Keisha Yearwood
143 LeCroy, and was blessed with two remarkable sons, Bret and Deaton; and

144 WHEREAS, he was the beloved son of Donna and Sam Houston and Bill and Tonya LeCroy,
145 son-in-law of Ken and Vicki Yearwood, and brother of Bill, Jamie, Jack, and Jake; and

146 WHEREAS, Trooper LeCroy loved sports, hunting, and spending time with his family and
147 friends; and

148 WHEREAS, he truly loved his career and law enforcement and wore his Georgia State Patrol
149 uniform with pride, exhibiting extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
150 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, which were continually
151 recognized by his peers; and

152 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Trooper LeCroy will long be remembered
153 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend
154 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

PART VIII

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156 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
157 with the passing of Explosive Ordnance Disposal Technician First Class Joseph Adam
158 McSween; and

159 WHEREAS, Adam McSween was born on August 11, 1980, in Montgomery, Alabama, the
160 beloved son of Robert and Florence McSween; and

161 WHEREAS, a graduate of Georgia Christian High School in Valdosta, Georgia, and York
162 College in Nebraska, Adam enlisted in the United States Navy in 2001; and

163 WHEREAS, he completed extensive training in explosive ordnance disposal and earned
164 qualifications as a Naval Parachutist, Scuba Diving Supervisor, and Senior Explosive
165 Ordnance Disposal Technician; and

166 WHEREAS, he was valiantly serving as a guardian of freedom and liberty in his second tour
167 to Iraq when he was killed on April 6, 2007, near Kirkuk in northern Iraq when a rocket hit
168 his vehicle; and

169 WHEREAS, during his service to this nation, he was awarded an Army Commendation
170 Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary
171 Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Expert
172 Marksmanship Rifle Medal, Expert Marksmanship Pistol Medal, two Iraq Campaign Medals,
173 and three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons; and

174 WHEREAS, Adam leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his parents,
175 his wife Erin, his daughters Lilly and Gwyneth, his brothers Kyle and Robert, and his sister
176 Angela; and

177 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to EOD Technician First
178 Class Joseph Adam McSween's life of service to his country be established.

PART IX

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180 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
181 and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the passing of Patrolman Donald J.
182 Mander; and

183 WHEREAS, Patrolman Mander served with honor and distinction with the Macon Police
184 Department; and

185 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
186 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, which were continually
187 recognized by his peers; and

188 WHEREAS, Patrolman Mander was tragically killed in the line of duty on August 23, 1986;
189 and

190 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Patrolman Mander will long be
191 remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this dedicated officer and loyal friend
192 will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

193 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Patrolman Mander's life
194 and service to this state be established.

195 **PART X**

196 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
197 enforcement officers with the passing of Deputy Richard Daniels on June 22, 2010; and

198 WHEREAS, Deputy Daniels began his career in law enforcement in August, 2006, as a jailer
199 and was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government
200 officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law
201 enforcement; and

202 WHEREAS, Deputy Daniels was mandated as a certified deputy for the Twiggs County
203 Sheriff's Office on September 14, 2007, and was killed while on patrol when his vehicle hit
204 a fallen tree covering the highway; and

205 WHEREAS, he was united in love and marriage to his supportive wife, Carrie, and was
206 blessed with a beautiful daughter, Lena; and

207 WHEREAS, Deputy Daniels exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
208 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, which were continually
209 recognized by his peers; and

210 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Daniels will long be remembered
211 for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, and friend will be missed
212 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him.

213 **PART XI**

214 WHEREAS, Mr. Louie Clark was born November 25, 1924, in Mitchell County, Georgia,
215 and has spent his life serving others; and

216 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
217 United States Navy from 1943 to 1946, was stationed aboard the destroyer USS *Haynsworth*,
218 and survived kamikaze attacks and numerous battles while defending the principles and
219 ideals of America during World War II; and

220 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Clark returned home and attended Florida State College on
221 the GI Bill; and

222 WHEREAS, Mr. Clark served on the Madison County School Board for several years before
223 being elected to the General Assembly in 1974; and

224 WHEREAS, he devoted two decades to the public as a member of the Georgia House of
225 Representatives, where he was known for his keen wit, gutsy disposition, and independent
226 spirit about government and public service; and

227 WHEREAS, a knowledgeable historian, Mr. Clark was awarded the highest award from the
228 United Daughters of the Confederacy; and

229 WHEREAS, he is united in love and marriage to his adoring wife Ann and has been blessed
230 with four amazing children; and

231 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
232 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

233 **PART XII**

234 WHEREAS, Mr. Bert Ward was born on May 30, 1922, in Catoosa County, Georgia, was
235 educated in the Catoosa County public school system, and graduated from Ringgold High
236 School; and

237 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
238 United States Navy, valiantly and courageously protecting his fellow Americans during
239 World War II on the USS *Gillis* and the USS *Williamson* in the Pacific; and

240 WHEREAS, he sustained injuries during his service when his ship was torpedoed by
241 Japanese submarines in the North Pacific; and

242 WHEREAS, upon returning home after the war, Mr. Ward continued his public service as
243 Catoosa County Tax Commissioner, diligently and conscientiously devoting innumerable
244 hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state for
245 19 years; and

246 WHEREAS, he was elected to represent Catoosa County as a State Representative in the
247 Georgia General Assembly in 1967 and 1968; and

248 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward served as a judge in Catoosa County for several years before he was
249 elected to serve on the Board of Commissioners of Catoosa County; and

250 WHEREAS, as a member of the Board of Commissioners, Mr. Ward was instrumental in
251 establishing procedures, policies, and rules and regulations of the board and helped in the
252 establishment of the county's 911 emergency response system and the naming of the Catoosa
253 Parkway; and

254 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
255 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
256 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
257 and

258 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments and
259 service of this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

260 **PART XIII**

261 WHEREAS, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., stands as one of the most prominent
262 Georgians of the 20th Century; and

263 WHEREAS, Rev. King attended public school in Georgia, graduating from high school at
264 the age of 15, and received his bachelor's degree in 1948 from Morehouse College; and

265 WHEREAS, after three years of theological study at Crozer Theological Seminary in
266 Pennsylvania, where he was elected president of the senior class, he was awarded a divinity
267 degree in 1951, and, with a fellowship won at Crozer, he enrolled in graduate studies at
268 Boston University, completing his residence for the doctorate in 1953 and receiving his
269 doctoral degree in 1955; and

270 WHEREAS, in 1957, he was elected president of the Southern Christian Leadership
271 Conference, and, in the 11 years between 1957 and 1968, he traveled over 6 million miles
272 and spoke over 2,500 times in support of civil rights and wrote five books as well as
273 numerous articles; and

274 WHEREAS, he led a massive protest in Birmingham, Alabama, that caught the attention of
275 the entire world, providing what he called a coalition of conscience and inspiring his "Letter
276 from a Birmingham Jail," a manifesto of the Civil Rights Movement in the United States; and

277 WHEREAS, he also planned and participated in numerous protests and demonstrations for
278 the cause of civil rights including the peaceful march on Washington, D.C., of 250,000
279 people to whom he delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" address at the Lincoln Memorial;
280 and

281 WHEREAS, he was awarded five honorary degrees; was named Man of the Year by *Time*
282 magazine in 1963; and, at the age of 35, was the youngest man to have been awarded the
283 Nobel Peace Prize; and

284 WHEREAS, through his tireless work on behalf of civil rights for all people, he became not
285 only the symbolic leader of African Americans in the United States but also a world figure
286 in the fight for justice for all; and

287 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate the entire length of Snapfinger Road in
288 DeKalb County from its intersection with Wesley Chapel Road to the Henry County line as
289 the Martin Luther King, Jr., Parkway as an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

290 **PART XIV**

291 WHEREAS, Roy Parrish was born in Walker County, Georgia, on November 29, 1933, one
292 of four children born to Roy E. Parrish, Sr., and the former Annie May Autry; the Parrish
293 family and the Autry family were pioneers to Walker County and have made this county their
294 homes since the eighteenth century; and

295 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish was educated in the City of Chickamauga School System and
296 graduated from Gordon Lee High School in 1953; he started to work for the Chickamauga
297 Telephone Company while still in high school, and he remained in their employ for 19 years,
298 the last several as general manager; and

299 WHEREAS, he also served two years on active duty with the United States Army in Korea;
300 and

301 WHEREAS, he was elected Sole Commissioner of Walker County in the Democratic
302 Primary of 1972 and took office January 1, 1973; he went on to serve six, four-year terms;
303 and

304 WHEREAS, some of his major accomplishments include building the first sanitary landfill
305 in 1973 and operating it for 23 years; building and paving the county roads; passing the first
306 Local Option Sales Tax Referendum in 1977 that rolled back county property tax and for the
307 first time offered property tax relief to the local community; building the civic center,
308 pavilion, and the 911 Center; building a tunnel from the courthouse to the jail for security;
309 and building and operating an animal shelter, 16 fire stations, and 126 bridges; and

310 WHEREAS, Mr. Parrish worked with Georgia Department of Transportation and the United
311 States Department of the Interior as well as the National Park Service and Congressman
312 Buddy Darden to get a better corridor through or around the Chickamauga Battlefield and
313 was largely responsible for getting the western route through Walker County established as
314 the relocated Highway 27 around the Chickamauga National Park; and

315 WHEREAS, he has been married to the former Cora Ann Kell, also a native of Walker
316 County, for more than 50 years, and they have two children, two grandchildren, and two
317 great-grandchildren; they live in the City of Chickamauga where they are active members
318 of the Elizabeth Lee United Methodist Church; and

319 WHEREAS, he retired, undefeated, from public office in 1996 and now enjoys the freedom
320 of retirement; he and Cora Ann spend time traveling, enjoying their family, gardening, and
321 working in their church where Roy has recruited many of his friends; and

322 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting tribute to this life of public service be
323 established.

PART XV

WHEREAS, Dr. Johnny M. Hunt has demonstrated his commitment to teaching the Gospel, witnessing Christ through word and deed, and addressing the physical, psychological, intellectual, and spiritual needs of others; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt was born on July 17, 1952, in Lumberton, North Carolina, and is a graduate of Gardner-Webb College and Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, he has served as pastor of Longleaf Baptist Church in Wilmington, North Carolina; Falls Baptist Church in Wake Forest, North Carolina; and Lavonia Baptist Church in Mooresboro, North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt was called by the Lord in 1986 to lead the congregation of First Baptist Church of Woodstock as the church's senior pastor; and

WHEREAS, his vision and direction have helped First Baptist Church of Woodstock grow in size and influence, uplifting the community like the light of Bethlehem and serving as a spiritual leader and place for fellowship; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Hunt has served as president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the Pastors' Conference of the Southern Baptist Convention; and

WHEREAS, whether the task is preparing a sermon, visiting the sick, counseling the troubled, baptizing a new believer, or acting as a theologian, educator, administrator, or humanitarian, Dr. Hunt serves as a shining example of God's righteous path; and

WHEREAS, the unmatched spiritual assistance offered by Dr. Hunt is a source of strength and direction for persons in all walks of life and from all economic strata; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this enduring example of God's message of peace and love be recognized.

PART XVI

WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

351 WHEREAS, Korean War veterans have demonstrated a deep personal commitment to
352 protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice their own personal safety and comfort
353 to ensure the well-being of their fellow man; and

354 WHEREAS, they served as guardians of this nation's freedom and liberty and diligently and
355 conscientiously underwent intensive and rigorous training in order to serve their country with
356 honor and distinction during a time of war; and

357 WHEREAS, it is important that Korean War veterans are thanked for their selfless service
358 to this nation and honored for their unyielding commitment to protecting the people and
359 ideals of the United States; and

360 WHEREAS, Korean War veterans embody the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in
361 something greater than themselves, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that the
362 outstanding accomplishments and sacrifices of these remarkable and distinguished
363 Americans be honored appropriately.

364 **PART XVII**

365 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
366 with the passing of Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards; and

367 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
368 liberty with the United States Marines Corps; and

369 WHEREAS, he was born on January 31, 1990, in Trenton, Georgia, and graduated from
370 Dade County High School, where he was known as a talented musician; and

371 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Richards was stationed in the Helmand province of Afghanistan
372 when he was killed while serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom; and

373 WHEREAS, Lance Corporal Williams was awarded a Rifle Expert Medal, an Afghanistan
374 Campaign Medal, a National Defense Service Medal, a Global War Service Medal, a War
375 on Terrorism Medal, and a Purple Heart; and

376 WHEREAS, he leaves behind many who will cherish his memory, including his wife Emily
377 and his beautiful daughter Kayden Leigh; and

378 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Lance Corporal Richards'
379 life of service to his country be established.

380 **PART XVIII**

381 WHEREAS, Mr. William G. Long has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
382 the vital role he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare
383 of the citizens of Georgia; and

384 WHEREAS, Mr. Long diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
385 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
386 dramatically by his superlative service to the City of Woodstock as a city council member,
387 a member of the Planning Commission, a city judge, and mayor over the course of 40 years;
388 and

389 WHEREAS, first elected to serve the public in 1966 as a member of the Woodstock City
390 Council, Mr. Long is one of Woodstock's most distinguished citizens and dedicated servants;
391 and

392 WHEREAS, Mr. Long's significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable
393 patience and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the
394 citizens of this state earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates;
395 and

396 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the extraordinary accomplishments of
397 this distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

398 **PART XIX**

399 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
400 with the passing of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr.; and

401 WHEREAS, a graduate of Waynesboro High School, Mr. Lewis served as a guardian of this
402 nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army, valiantly and courageously
403 protecting America during the Korean War; and

404 WHEREAS, he trained at the United States Navy Submarine School, received a Bronze Star,
405 and attained the rank of captain; and

406 WHEREAS, Mr. Lewis graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor's degree
407 in business administration and a law degree before he joined his father's legal practice, Lewis
408 & Lewis, where he practiced law for 30 years; and

409 WHEREAS, he served as juvenile court judge for more than 30 years and served the people
410 of Georgia as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives for six terms and the
411 Georgia Senate for one term; and

412 WHEREAS, a community leader, Mr. Lewis was a Rotarian and served as president of the
413 Waynesboro Shrine Club and as a member of the Waynesboro Masonic Lodge, the American
414 Legion, and First United Methodist Church; and

415 WHEREAS, he left behind many who will cherish his memory, including his wife of 58
416 years, Katherine Honey Hill; four children, Preston Brooks Lewis III, Clifford Ellis Lewis,
417 Julian Carlton Lewis, and Katherine Virginia Lewis Jones; and 11 grandchildren; and

418 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Mr. Lewis' life of service
419 to this state be established.

420 **PART XX**

421 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
422 with the passing of Deputy James D. Paugh on October 23, 2011; and

423 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state
424 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
425 sound principles of law enforcement; and

426 WHEREAS, known by friends and family as "J.D.," Deputy Paugh was a dedicated deputy
427 with the Richmond County Sheriff's Office for 17 years; and

428 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh's life was tragically cut short after stopping behind a vehicle on
429 Interstate Route 520 in Augusta-Richmond County when the occupant of the vehicle opened
430 fire upon him; and

431 WHEREAS, he exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine
432 leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties, and his efficient and effective
433 commitment to excellence was continually recognized by his peers; and

434 WHEREAS, a native of Augusta, Georgia, Deputy Paugh was the beloved son of Wayne and
435 Anita Paugh and father of Brandon; and

436 WHEREAS, Deputy Paugh was a dedicated public servant who will long be remembered for
437 his courage and selflessness, and he will be missed by all who had the great fortune of
438 knowing him.

439 **PART XXI**

440 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens
441 with the passing of Mr. Ossie Davis; and

442 WHEREAS, Mr. Raiford Chatman Davis, better known as Ossie Davis, was born in Clinch
443 County, Georgia, on December 18, 1917, and graduated from Center High School in 1934;
444 and

445 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Rose McClendon Players acting group in Harlem
446 before enlisting with the United States Army to serve as a guardian of this nation's freedom
447 and liberty during World War II; and

448 WHEREAS, during his time in the military, Mr. Davis wrote performances and put on shows
449 for his fellow troops; and

450 WHEREAS, after the war, Mr. Davis made his Broadway debut in *Jeb* in 1946 and went on
451 to star in such plays as *A Raisin in the Sun*, *Jamaica*, *I'm Not Rappaport*, and *Purlie*
452 *Victorious*; and

453 WHEREAS, he appeared in numerous film, television, and radio works, including *The Ossie*
454 *Davis & Ruby Dee Story Hour*, *The Scalphunters*, *Do the Right Thing*, *Get on the Bus*, *The*
455 *Stand*, *The Client*, *Roots: The Next Generation*, *Evening Shade*, and *With Ossie & Ruby*; and

456 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis authored several books for young readers, including *Escape to*
457 *Freedom: A Play about Young Frederick Douglass*, *Langston*, and *Just Like Martin*; and

458 WHEREAS, he was well respected among Civil Rights activists for his work as master of
459 ceremonies for the 1963 March on Washington, raising money for Freedom Riders arrested
460 in the South for violating segregation laws, and championing the work of Paul Robeson,

461 W.E.B. DuBois, A. Philip Randolph, Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., and Frannie Lou
462 Hammer; and

463 WHEREAS, Mr. Davis was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including the
464 Screen Actors Guild Life Achievement Award, the NAACP Image Award, the Marian
465 Anderson Award, a Grammy Award for Spoken Word, the National Medal of Art, and the
466 Kennedy Center Honors; and

467 WHEREAS, it is only fitting and proper that a lasting memorial to Mr. Davis's life of service
468 to this state be established.

469 **PART XXII**

470 WHEREAS, Superior Court Judge Kenneth O. Nix was raised in the Grove Park Commons
471 of Grove Park; and

472 WHEREAS, he graduated from West Fulton High School, and he has been known as a great
473 athlete over the years; and

474 WHEREAS, he has resided in Cobb County all of his adult life and served in the Georgia
475 House of Representatives and was later appointed and re-elected to the Cobb County State
476 Court; and

477 WHEREAS, several years later, Judge Nix was appointed to the Cobb County Superior Court
478 and was re-elected on several occasions until he retired this past year to spend more time
479 with his loving wife and family in Smyrna, Georgia; and

480 WHEREAS, Judge Nix has served with honor and distinction with the State of Georgia, and
481 his vision and unyielding commitment is appreciated by the citizens of his community and
482 state; and

483 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
484 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

485 **PART XXIII**

486 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
487 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that:

(1) This body hereby joins in honoring military veterans and dedicates State Route 22 in Oglethorpe County from U.S. Route 78/State Route 10 in Lexington to the Madison County line as Veterans Memorial Highway;

(2) The members of this body honor the life and contributions of Herman E. Black and his dedicated service to and sacrifice for his community and this state and that State Route 22 in the City of Gray from the eastern city limit to its intersection with State Route 11 is dedicated as the Herman E. Black Memorial Highway;

(3) The members of this body honor Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins for his effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia, extend to his family their most sincere condolences, and dedicate the interchange at Horsestamp Church Road and I-95 between mile markers 18 and 22 is dedicated as the Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins Memorial Interchange;

(4) The portion of SR 142 in Newton County between SR 11 and SR 278 is dedicated as the J. Dixon Hays Memorial Highway;

(5) State Route 62 from the county line between Early County and Calhoun County in Arlington to Blakley is designated as the Jimmie Hodge Timmons, Jr., Highway;

(6) The members of this body join to commend Mr. Clarence Williams, Sr., for his efficient, effective, unselfish, and dedicated service to the State of Georgia and dedicate the bridge on U.S. Route 84/State Route 38 over the CSX railroad tracks in Liberty County as the Clarence Williams, Sr., Overpass;

(7) The bridge on State Route 280 over the Chattahoochee River in Cobb/Fulton County is dedicated as the Trooper Chadwick T. LeCroy Memorial Bridge;

(8) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Explosive Ordinance Disposal Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween and dedicates the intersection of State Route 7/North Valdosta Road and Veterans Memorial Parkway in Lowndes County as the EOD Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween Memorial Intersection;

(9) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Patrolman Donald J. Mander and dedicates the underpass at State Route 19/Forsyth Road and Napier Avenue in the City of Macon as the Patrolman Donald J. Mander Memorial Underpass;

(10) The bridge on State Route 96 over Interstate 16 in Twiggs County is dedicated as the Deputy Richard Daniels Memorial Bridge;

(11) State Route 98 in Madison County from its intersection with U.S. Route 29 in Danielsville to State Route 106 in Ila is dedicated as the Louie Clark Highway;

(12) The bridge on Catoosa Parkway over Tiger Creek in Catoosa County is dedicated as the Bert Ward Memorial Bridge;

(13) The entire length of Snapfinger Road in DeKalb County from its intersection with Wesley Chapel Road to the Henry County line is dedicated as the Martin Luther King, Jr., Parkway;

(14) This body desires to honor Roy Parrish by renaming the portion of US 27/SR 1 from the city limits of Fort Oglethorpe south to Shields Crossing as the Roy Parrish Parkway;

(15) The portion of State Route 92 in Cherokee County from Neese Road to Trickum Road is dedicated as the Johnny Hunt Highway;

(16) This body hereby joins in honoring veterans of the Korean War and dedicates Interstate 59 in Dade County from the Alabama state line to the interchange with I-24 as the Korean War Veterans Memorial Highway;

(17) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Marine Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards and dedicates the portion of Highway 11 in Dade County from the Alabama state line to the Tennessee state line as the Lance Corporal William Taylor Richards Memorial Highway;

(18) The interchange at Interstate 575 and Ridgewalk Parkway in the City of Woodstock is dedicated as the William G. Long Interchange at Ridgewalk Parkway;

(19) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr., and dedicates the portion of U.S. Highway 25N from Waynesboro to Walnut Branch as the Preston B. Lewis, Jr., Memorial Highway;

(20) The portion of Interstate Route 520 in Richmond County from Exit 2 (Wrightsboro Road) to Exit 3 (Gordon Highway) is dedicated as the Deputy James D. Paugh Memorial Highway;

(21) This body hereby joins in honoring the life and memory of Mr. Ossie Davis and dedicates the portion of U.S. Highway 1/State Route 4 Business within the city limits of Waycross in Ware County as the Ossie Davis Parkway;

(22) That the portion of South Cobb Drive beginning at the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Concord Road to the intersection of South Cobb Drive and Cooper Lake Road is dedicated as the Judge Kenneth O. Nix Highway;

(23) The Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this resolution; and

(24) The Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, the family of Herman E. Black, the family of Sgt. Carlton "Dan" Jenkins, the family of J. Dixon Hays, the family of Jimmie Hodge Timmons, Jr., Clarence Williams, Sr., the family of Trooper Chadwick T. LeCroy, the family of EOD Technician First Class Joseph Adam McSween, the family of Patrolman Donald J. Mander, the family of Deputy Richard Daniels, Mr. Louie Clark, the family of Mr. Bert Ward, the family of Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., the

561 family of Roy Parrish, Jr., the family of Dr. Johnny M. Hunt, and the family of Marine
562 Lance Corporal William Tyler Richards, the Honorable William G. Long, the family of
563 Mr. Preston B. Lewis, Jr., the family of Deputy James D. Paugh, the family of Mr. Ossie
564 Davis, and the family of Judge Kenneth O. Nix.