

General Assembly

House Resolution 1544

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Mr. William Riley Curry served in the Georgia General Assembly during the 1910s and 1920s and entertained many legislators and governors in his home, and he organized and was president and majority stockholder of People's Bank of Shellman, now known as First State Bank of Randolph County, and was a major benefactor of the Georgia Baptist Children's Home, where he established the Nena Ferguson Curry Children's Fund; and at the height of the Great Depression, he established the \$100,000.00 Curry Choir of Christianity at Mercer University, which act of philanthropy allowed Mercer University to remain open at a time when many private universities were forced to close, and he developed railroad lines throughout the South with other capitalists, who were also guests at the family home; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Curry built the Curry Home in Shellman, Georgia, in 1906; the home was designed by the architectural firm of Dennis & Dennis of Macon and was constructed by W.I. Jay & Co.; and

WHEREAS, he remodeled the imposing, two-story, white clapboard home in 1926, and in 1963 James Riley Curry, Sr., inherited the property and commissioned a vast renovation, which was undertaken by the Hugh Gaston Architecture Co. of Albany; and

WHEREAS, the current owner, William Scott Curry II, purchased the home from the heirs of the J. R. Curry, Sr., Estate in 2012, and in April of 2013 he began an extensive renovation and remodel of the home; and

WHEREAS, the many interesting historic features of the house include fluted ionic columns, unusually fine, leaded cut-glass windows surrounding the massive front doorway, richly colored stained-glass windows, intricately designed bronze ceilings, mahogany wainscoting of the front entrance hall and formal dining room, and the crystal chandelier in the foyer; and

WHEREAS, the home in Randolph County stands as a fine monument to Mr. William Riley Curry, a successful Georgia entrepreneur and great philanthropist.

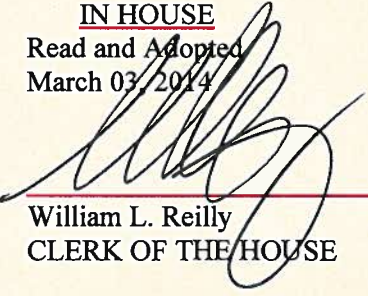
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on U.S. Route 82 over Pachitla Creek in Randolph County is dedicated as the William Riley Curry Bridge.

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 Department of Transportation and to the family of Mr. William Riley Curry.


IN HOUSE

Read and Adopted
March 03, 2014


William L. Reilly
CLERK OF THE HOUSE

IN SENATE

Read and Adopted
March 18, 2014


David A. Cook
SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

