

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2024

Act 702

House Resolution 854, Part IV & Part XXI

Effective May 6, 2024

STATE REPRESENTATIVE MARETTA MITCHEEL TAYLOR INTERCHANGE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Representative Marettta Mitchell Taylor has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that she played in leadership and her deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Muscogee County; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Williams H. Spencer High School, Representative Taylor earned a bachelor's degree from Albany State College and a master's degree from Indiana University; and

WHEREAS, she diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of her time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of her community and state and uplifting the minds of the next generation as evidenced dramatically by her 30 years of public service as an educator and media specialist; and

WHEREAS, Representative Taylor was the first African American woman elected to House District 94 for the Georgia House of Representatives and served on the Muscogee County Election and Voter Registration Board; and

WHEREAS, her legacy of decisive and effective leadership and service to her community spanned four decades; and

WHEREAS, Representative Taylor was recognized with numerous honors and awards, including the 2000 Legislature Appreciation Award from the Georgia Association for Primary Health Care, the Legacy of Leadership Award and Outstanding Legislator of the Year for 2000 from the Professional Association of Georgia Educators, and the Rosa Parks Award from Columbus PUSH; and

WHEREAS, she was an active member of numerous organizations, including the Albany State National Alumni Association, Assault on Illiteracy, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Columbus Georgia Chapter Links, Inc., Compatibles Social Club, Georgia Heart Fund Drive, Springer Children's Theater, and the United Negro College Fund Committee; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in her memory.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the interchange at I-85 and Buena Vista Road in Muscogee County, is dedicated as the State Representative Marettta Mitchell Taylor Interchange.

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the family of Representative Maretta Mitchell Taylor.