

# ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2025

Act 368

Senate Resolution 8, Part VIII & 8<sup>th</sup> Paragraph of Part XXII

Effective May 14, 2025

NOLAN S. SMITH, JR. BRIDGE — DESIGNATED.

## A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Nolan Sental Smith, Jr., was born on January 18, 2001, in Savannah, Georgia, and has shown the world what it means to dream big, work relentlessly, and rise above every challenge in pursuit of greatness; and

WHEREAS, from his early days on the football field in youth leagues to his standout performances at IMG Academy and Calvary Day School, Mr. Smith's passion for the game of football and unwavering determination have been evident in every play he has made, earning him admiration and respect from coaches, teammates, and fans alike; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's time at the University of Georgia was nothing short of remarkable, where his relentless work ethic, leadership, and dedication to his football team helped secure two College Football Playoff National Championships, a testament to his commitment to excellence and his pivotal role in the success of the Georgia Bulldogs; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's dream of playing in the NFL became a reality when he was selected by the Philadelphia Eagles in the first round of the 2023 NFL draft, representing not only his talent but the power of perseverance, hard work, and faith in himself; and

WHEREAS, beyond the field, Mr. Smith is deeply committed to using his platform and influence to make a meaningful impact in his community and beyond, striving to be more than just a football player, but a role model, leader, and change-maker who inspires others to dream big, work hard, and give back to those who need it most; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith has touched countless lives through his dedication to inspiring and mentoring others, particularly through the Nolan Smith Foundation, which uplifts young athletes, providing them with the guidance to overcome obstacles, achieve their goals, and positively impact their communities; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Smith's story is not just one of athletic triumph, but a testament to the power of resilience, humility, and the profound impact one person can have on the lives of those around them, especially through his support of his family and their shared journey together; and

WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his honor.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the bridge on Interstate 95, over State Route 204/Fort Argyle Road in Chatham County, is dedicated as the Nolan S. Smith, Jr. Bridge.

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 Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to Mr. Nolan Sental Smith, Jr.