

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

Act 368

Senate Resolution 8, Part VII & 7th Paragraph of Part XXII

Effective May 14, 2025

WORLD WAR II VETERAN BOBBY BLACKWELL MEMORIAL DRIVE — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Bobby Blackwell was born in Homer, Georgia, on April 9, 1924, the beloved son of Lon B. and Alice Hill Blackwell; and

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

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Army Air Force during World War II; and

WHEREAS, as a sergeant during the war, Mr. Blackwell was assigned to the 314th Depot Supply Squadron at the Bengal Air Base in Calcutta, India; and

WHEREAS, upon his return home, Mr. Blackwell continued to serve his country as a rural mail carrier with the United States Postal Service in Lula, Georgia, for 34 years and as an assistant magistrate judge in Banks County for more than 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell was an active member of Homer Baptist Church, where he was on the Sunday School Celebration Committee, and the American Legion Post #215, Phi Delta Masonic Lodge #148, Banks County Chamber of Commerce, and Banks County Soil Conservation; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blackwell demonstrated selfless service to this nation and his unyielding commitment to protecting the people and ideals of the United States should be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the portion of State Route 51, from Hill Street to State Route 164 in Banks County, is dedicated as the World War II Veteran Bobby Blackwell Memorial Drive.

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 the family of Mr. Bobby Blackwell.