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House Resolution 370

By: Representative Jones of the 53<sup>rd</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Mr. Edward "Ed" Menifee and dedicating a bridge in his memory; and
- 2 for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, Mr. Edward "Ed" Menifee has long been recognized by the citizens of this state
- 4 for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
- 5 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Mr. Menifee devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward
- 7 the betterment of his community and state, dedicating his life to uplifting others in need; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Menifee utilized his experience and expertise as a youth educator and
- 9 business developer to teach entrepreneurship to young people with the Southwest Atlanta
- 10 Youth Business Organization (SWAYBO) and to adults through his participation in the
- 11 Georgia Bar Association Support to Improve Correctional Services (BASICS) program; and
- 12 WHEREAS, as founder and director of SWAYBO, Mr. Menifee trained and motivated youth
- in the areas of life, education, and business, offering weekly training sessions for 40 years;
- 14 and
- 15 WHEREAS, as program director of BASICS, Mr. Menifee was responsible for developing
- 16 courses, providing instruction, and serving as a mentor to inmates and providing aid in their
- 17 transition to successful and productive lives upon release from prison; and
- 18 WHEREAS, his leadership and dedication to others were recognized with numerous awards
- 19 and accolades from the State Bar of Georgia; Atlanta City Council; Atlanta Business League;
- 20 Concerned Black Clergy; the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change;
- 21 Southern Bell; the Equitable Company; and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority; and

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22 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished

- 23 gentleman be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.
- 24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
- 25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the bridge on Martin Luther King, Jr., Drive SW over
- 26 Interstate 285 in Fulton County is dedicated as the Edward "Ed" Menifee Memorial Bridge.
- 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
- 28 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Edward "Ed" Menifee
- 29 Memorial Bridge.
- 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
- 31 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
- 32 family of Mr. Edward "Ed" Menifee and to the Department of Transportation.