

House Resolution 72

By: Representatives Hamilton of the 24th, Dudgeon of the 25th, Duncan of the 26th, Tanner of the 9th, and Hill of the 22nd

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the intersection of Georgia Route 400 and State Route 141 in Forsyth County as
2 the William Everett Bennett Memorial Interchange; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, William Everett Bennett was born and raised in Forsyth County and graduated
4 from Cumming High School; and

5 WHEREAS, he served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United
6 States Army as an instructor in the Officers School at Fort Knox, Kentucky; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served as chairman of the board for LEADER, a local teen safe
8 driving education organization, as well as the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Forsyth
9 County, and he was a program advocate for the Forsyth County Certified Literacy
10 Community; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett served on the Georgia Baptist Healthcare System Board of
12 Directors, where he was instrumental in the purchase of the old Lakeside Hospital and its
13 conversion to Baptist North Hospital; on the board of visitors for Georgia Baptist College of
14 Nursing at Mercer University; and on the Hawaii Baptist Academy Board of Directors; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett continued in generous service to the community by providing a
16 complimentary meeting space located on the campus of Baptist Medical Center, now known
17 as Northside Hospital-Forsyth, and the Everett and Teresa Bennett Education Center is host
18 to countless assemblies that benefit the community in ways beyond measure; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett championed and advocated for the ongoing expansion of the health
20 care architecture in Forsyth County through his service on the Northside Hospital Foundation
21 Board, and his legacy as a staunch supporter for bringing quality health care services to
22 Forsyth County will benefit the citizens of that region for generations; and

23 WHEREAS, he was a member of the Rotary Club of Johns Creek and received numerous
24 honors, including the Lee Arrendale Award and being named a multiple Paul Harris Fellow,
25 a Will Watt Fellow, and a Hue Thomas Fellow; and

26 WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Mr. Bennett was an active member of Johns
27 Creek Baptist Church where he served as a deacon emeritus; and

28 WHEREAS, he gave inspiration to many through his high ideals, morals, and deep concern
29 for his fellow citizens, and the devotion, patience, and understanding he demonstrated to his
30 family and friends were admired by others; and

31 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation
32 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness and, by the example he made of his life, he
33 made this world a better place in which to live; and

34 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Bennett will long be remembered for
35 his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, grandfather, and friend will
36 be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

37 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper to dedicate the intersection of Georgia Route 400 and
38 State Route 141 in Forsyth County as the William Everett Bennett Memorial Interchange as
39 an appropriate tribute to this outstanding Georgian.

40 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
41 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor the life and contributions of William Everett
42 Bennett and his dedication and leadership to his community and this state.

43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the intersection of Georgia Route 400 and State
44 Route 141 in Forsyth County is dedicated as the William Everett Bennett Memorial
45 Interchange.

46 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
47 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the William Everett Bennett
48 Memorial Interchange.

49 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
50 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the family of William
51 Everett Bennett and to the Department of Transportation.