

## Senate Resolution 320

By: Senators Beach of the 21st, Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Mullis of the 53rd and Martin of the 9th

## A RESOLUTION

- 1 Recognizing Dr. Bill Russell and dedicating a road in his honor; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Dr. Bill Russell has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for the  
3 vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare  
4 of the citizens of Georgia; and
- 5 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell earned a doctoral degree in agricultural chemistry from Ohio State  
6 University and has a 20 year background in pesticide research, with much of it conducted at  
7 the nation's most prestigious golf courses and resorts, including Augusta National, Opryland  
8 USA, Disneyland, PGA National, and Arnold Palmer's Bay Hill Club; and
- 9 WHEREAS, as the founder of Russell Landscape Group, Dr. Russell has grown this family  
10 owned and operated business from its inception in 1987 to the largest, privately held Georgia  
11 based landscape firm; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he has diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
13 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced  
14 dramatically by his superlative service on behalf of Gwinnett County; and
- 15 WHEREAS, as a leader for Gwinnett, Dr. Russell has served as a board member of the  
16 Georgia Chamber of Commerce, Georgia Gwinnett College, Gwinnett Health System,  
17 Gwinnett Medical Center Foundation, Community Foundation for Northeast Georgia,  
18 Gwinnett Chapter of the American Cancer Society, Council for Quality Growth, and the  
19 Gwinnett Chamber of Clean and Beautiful; and
- 20 WHEREAS, his leadership has been instrumental to the state as chairperson of the Georgia  
21 World Congress Center Authority Board of Governors; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Russell has been recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including  
23 a Howard Allen Business of the Year Award in 2003, Distinguished Citizen Award from  
24 Gwinnett Medical Center, Pioneer Lifetime Achievement Award from the Metro Atlanta  
25 Landscape and Turf Association, the Scott Hudgens Distinguished Citizen Award from the  
26 Northeast Council of Boy Scouts of America, the Public Service Award from the Gwinnett  
27 County Board of Education, and Citizen of the Year Award from the Gwinnett Chamber of  
28 Commerce; and

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

31 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
32 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the portion of State Route 120 from its intersection with  
33 State Route 13 in Duluth to Parsons Road in Johns Creek is dedicated as the Bill Russell  
34 Highway.

35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
36 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Bill Russell Highway.

37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
38 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to Dr. Bill Russell and  
39 to the Department of Transportation.