

Senate Resolution 334

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman and dedicating an intersection in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia continues to mourn the loss of one of its most distinguished
4 citizens with the passing of Mr. James Price "Pa" Chapman on November 20, 2003; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was born on April 22, 1919, and was a native of Lumpkin
6 County, Georgia, where he lived his entire life near the intersection of Highway 52 and
7 Major Abercrombie Road; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
9 United States Army during World War II with the 10th Mountain Division in the 87th
10 Mountain Infantry Regiment; and

11 WHEREAS, his division was one of the last to be activated for combat and fought in
12 Northern Italy for over 110 days without retreating; and

13 WHEREAS, this amazing hero was awarded a Bronze Star for this action in combat on April
14 18, 1945; and

15 WHEREAS, after his service to his country, Mr. Chapman returned home to Lumpkin
16 County, where he worked for many years in the paint and auto body industry and later went
17 on to run a successful chicken and cattle farming business for nearly 40 years; and

18 WHEREAS, despite having only a sixth grade education, Mr. Chapman was known by many
19 as one of the smartest men in town and was often turned to for help in making a challenging
20 repair; and

21 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Pa," Mr. Chapman was always willing to lend a hand
22 to someone in need and never met a stranger; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Chapman was a man of deep and abiding faith, serving as a member and
24 deacon of Mt. Gilead Baptist Church for 52 years; and

25 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
26 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
28 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of Highway 52 and Major Abercrombie
29 Road in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the James Chapman Intersection.

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
31 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the James Chapman Intersection.

32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
33 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Mr.
34 James Price "Pa" Chapman and to the Department of Transportation.