

House Resolution 1548

By: Representatives Jasperse of the 11th, Ralston of the 7th, Barton of the 5th, England of the 116th, and Smith of the 134th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Johnny Meadows and dedicating an interchange in his memory; and for
2 other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia and Calhoun/Gordon County mourn the loss of one of their
4 most distinguished citizens with the passing of Johnny Meadows; and

5 WHEREAS, Johnny was long recognized by the citizens of this state for the vital role that
6 he played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the welfare of the citizens of
7 the State of Georgia and the City of Calhoun; and

8 WHEREAS, he proudly served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the
9 United States Marine Corps; and

10 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
11 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
12 dramatically by his superlative service as a member of the Calhoun City Council, mayor of
13 Calhoun, president of the Georgia Municipal Association from 1995 to 1996, and six-term
14 representative of the 5th District in the Georgia House of Representatives; and

15 WHEREAS, Johnny was devoted to improving the lives of young people by spending his
16 free time reading to first graders, developing the Calhoun Boys and Girls Club, and serving
17 as a founding member of Civic Leaders United Behind Youth (C.L.U.B.Y.), which raises
18 money for scholarships and Christmas funds for youth; and

19 WHEREAS, his strong desire to be involved in the future of his community led him to the
20 Georgia General Assembly, where he worked tirelessly for his beloved community and
21 served as chairman of the House Rules Committee; and

22 WHEREAS, Johnny's significant organizational and leadership talents, remarkable patience
23 and diplomacy, keen sense of vision, and sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this state
24 earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates and truly defined the
25 meaning of public service; and

26 WHEREAS, Johnny greatly valued developing leadership skills in others and helped form
27 the inaugural Calhoun/Gordon County Chamber of Commerce leadership class, of which he
28 was a member; and

29 WHEREAS, his prowess and dedication to the game of golf allowed him many opportunities
30 for fellowship with others and led to the founding of the City of Calhoun's Fields Ferry Golf
31 Course; and

32 WHEREAS, his dedication to his community and state was surpassed only by his devotion
33 to his wife, Marie; his two remarkable children, B.J. and Missy; and his three wonderful
34 grandchildren, Will, Patrick, and Maxwell; and

35 WHEREAS, Johnny loved his grandchildren and enjoyed taking them out for breakfast every
36 Sunday morning before Sunday school at First Baptist Church; and

37 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Johnny will long be remembered for his
38 love of family, friendship, and public service and will be missed by all who had the great
39 fortune of knowing him; and

40 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
41 Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

42 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
43 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange at Interstate 75 and Union Grove in Gordon
44 County is dedicated as the Johnny Meadows Memorial Interchange.

45 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
46 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Johnny Meadows Memorial
47 Interchange.

48 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
49 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
50 family of Johnny Meadows and to the Department of Transportation.