

RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO RENAME
THE TALMADGE MEMORIAL BRIDGE

WHEREAS, the Georgia Department of Transportation maintains a bridge that spans 1.9 miles across the Savannah River, and was named the Talmadge Memorial Bridge in 1953; and

WHEREAS, the Talmadge Memorial Bridge serves as a major entryway into the State of Georgia and City of Savannah, and as the gateway into the Port of Savannah for ships arriving from across the globe; and

WHEREAS, the Talmadge Memorial Bridge dominates the Savannah skyline, serving as one of the most important landmarks in the City; and

WHEREAS, residents of Savannah and historians from across the region have made compelling cases that the bridge's namesake, former Gov. Eugene Talmadge, is not a reflection of modern Georgia, and has no strong connection with the City of Savannah; and

WHEREAS, it has been written that "to everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; ... A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down and a time to build up; ... A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Savannah City Council petitions the Georgia General Assembly to take official action to change the name of the Talmadge Memorial Bridge to The Savannah Bridge. Be it further resolved that City Council urges the Chatham County Board of Commissioners and other local elected bodies to adopt similar resolutions supporting this request.

Approved this 28th day of September, 2017.

Eddie W. DeLoach, Mayor

Clerk of Council