

Senate Resolution 716

By: Senator Hudgens of the 47th

#### A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating the Jere Ayers Parkway; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Jere C. Ayers, a lifelong resident of Madison County, died on May 13, 2005,  
3 at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, "Mr. Jere," as he was known to all, was a uniquely dedicated and valued citizen  
5 of Madison County whose contributions to the public good and civic life of the county are  
6 too numerous to list in their entirety; and

7 WHEREAS, among Mr. Jere's accomplishments are his service in the United States Navy  
8 during World War II; his lifelong work in journalism, beginning with his employment as a  
9 youth at *The Comer News*, which his parents purchased in 1914 and of which he became  
10 owner and publisher in 1945, and his later service as the owner and publisher of Madison  
11 County Newspapers, Inc., *The Comer News*, and the *Danielsville Monitor*; his dedication to  
12 the Meadow Baptist Church where he served over 50 years as a deacon and 23 years as  
13 Sunday school director; his over 50 years of service as a Mason, Scottish Rite and York Rite;  
14 his 67 years with the Woodsmen of the World; his charter membership in the Madison  
15 County Rotary Club; his membership in the American Legion since World War II; his charter  
16 membership in the Comer Lions Club which honored him with its 50 Year Award; his  
17 service as a member of the Georgia House of Representatives in the 1950's; being the  
18 recipient of the 50 Year Medallion from the Georgia Press Association for 50 years of  
19 service to the newspaper industry; his service as a board member of the Madison County  
20 Library until his retirement; and his critical role in the acquisition of the Watson Mill Bridge  
21 State Park land; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Jere will be greatly missed by the citizens of Madison County for the vital  
23 role that he played in the county and for his stellar example of public service and  
24 commitment; and

1 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,  
2 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community, state, and nation; and

3 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience  
4 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of his  
5 nation earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

6 WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation  
7 for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and it is only fitting and proper that State  
8 Route 98 in Madison County from the traffic light at the intersection with State Route 72 in  
9 the City of Comer to the traffic light at the intersection with U. S. Highway 29 in the City of  
10 Danielsville should be named in his honor.

11 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 GEORGIA that the members of this body honor Jere C. Ayers for his dedicated service to  
13 this state and nation.

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that State Route 98 in Madison County from the traffic light  
15 at the intersection with State Route 72 in the City of Comer to the traffic light at the  
16 intersection with U. S. Highway 29 in the City of Danielsville is dedicated as the Jere Ayers  
17 Parkway.

18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
19 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Jere Ayers Parkway.

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
21 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Board of Commissioners of Madison  
22 County and to the Department of Transportation.