

Senate Resolution 978

By: Senator Ginn of the 47th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Sheriff Dewey George Seagraves and dedicating an intersection in his
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law
4 enforcement officers with the passing of Sheriff Dewey George Seagraves; and

5 WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves was born in Madison County in 1906 and was a cotton farmer
6 and part-time bailiff before he was elected to serve as sheriff of Madison County in 1950;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, he dedicated his life to protecting and serving the citizens of Madison County
9 from 1950 until his retirement in 1972, with his tenure as sheriff standing as the longest in
10 the county's history; and

11 WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves was known as a "people's sheriff," often going above and
12 beyond the call of duty to provide assistance and a helping hand; and

13 WHEREAS, a fair but firm man, he was known to bring someone home who had done wrong
14 instead of placing them in jail, giving them a stern warning and life lesson; and

15 WHEREAS, Sheriff Seagraves exhibited extraordinary devotion to duty, outstanding loyalty,
16 fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his duties and it is abundantly fitting
17 and proper that an intersection is named in his memory.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
19 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. 29/State Route 8/General Daniels
20 Avenue and State Route 98/Comer Road in Madison County is dedicated as the Sheriff
21 Dewey G. Seagraves Intersection.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
23 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Sheriff Dewey G. Seagraves
24 Intersection.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
26 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Sheriff
27 Dewey George Seagraves and to the Department of Transportation.