

Senate Resolution 519

By: Senator Gooch of the 51st

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Officer Carol Leigh Ledford and dedicating an intersection
2 in her memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and law enforcement officers
4 with the passing of Officer Carol Leigh Ledford; and

5 WHEREAS, Officer Ledford's life was tragically cut short on April 19, 1999, when she was
6 hit head-on by a drunk driver; and

7 WHEREAS, Officer Ledford was highly regarded by the citizens of her community and state
8 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the
9 sound principles of law enforcement; and

10 WHEREAS, the youngest graduate in her class at Northeast Georgia Police Academy and
11 the first female police officer in White County, Officer Ledford was the embodiment of
12 courage, compassion, and strength; and

13 WHEREAS, Officer Ledford was passionate about ensuring Georgia's children were
14 upstanding citizens, speaking with students about the importance of following the law and

15 about the role a police officer plays in the community, as well as hosting numerous camps
16 that taught about the negative consequences of drug and alcohol use; and

17 WHEREAS, she was promoted to public relations officer and earned the nickname
18 "Cleveland's Young Gun" for her dedication to serving as a role model to children; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
20 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in her memory.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection at State Route 75 Connector/Appalachian
23 Parkway and NOK Drive in White County is dedicated as the Officer Carol Leigh Ledford
24 Memorial Intersection.

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
26 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Officer Carol Leigh Ledford
27 Memorial Intersection.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the family of
30 Officer Carol Leigh Ledford.