

House Resolution 867

By: Representative Gunter of the 8<sup>th</sup>

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., 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 untimely passing of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., on  
5 December 8, 1974; and

6 WHEREAS, Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr., was born on February 22, 1927, a beloved son  
7 of William Joseph Chastain and Nola Jane Shook Chastain; and

8 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state  
9 and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the  
10 sound principles of law enforcement; and

11 WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as Towns County Sheriff, and his life was  
12 tragically taken in the line of duty while he heroically carried out the difficult responsibilities  
13 of his vocation; and

14 WHEREAS, Sheriff Chastain exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding  
15 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

16 WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his inspiring commitment to the welfare of  
17 others, which stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement  
18 professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

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

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection at U.S. 76 and State Route 288 south of the  
23 Hiwassee River in Towns County is dedicated as the Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr.,  
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 Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain,  
27 Sr., Memorial Intersection.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized  
29 and directed to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to the  
30 family of Sheriff Jay Vernon Chastain, Sr.