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Senate Resolution 264

By: Senator Mullis of the 53rd

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Honoring the life of Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell and dedicating an
- 2 intersection in his memory; and for other purposes.
- 3 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
- 4 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
- 5 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and
- 6 WHEREAS, Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell served as a guardian of
- 7 this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S.
- 8 Arizona and U.S.S. Sumner and commanded three ships during World War II; and
- 9 WHEREAS, a native of La Fayette, Georgia, Lieutenant Commander Campbell
- 10 demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to
- 11 sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and
- 12 WHEREAS, he was serving as a boatswain's captain on the U.S.S. Sumner during the attack
- 13 on Pearl Harbor, where he was able to shoot down the first Japanese attacking plane that was
- 14 on a torpedo run for the battleship U.S.S. California; and

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15 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell was awarded the Purple Heart for his actions

- 16 during the attack on Pearl Harbor and continued to serve in the Navy until 1957, devoting
- 17 24 years of service to this nation; and
- 18 WHEREAS, he returned to Walker County to serve as the county surveyor for many years
- 19 until his passing in 1993; and
- 20 WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell embodied the spirit of service, willing to find
- 21 meaning in something greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this
- 22 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an
- 23 intersection in his memory.
- 24 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
- 25 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. 27 and Round Pond Road in
- 26 Walker County is dedicated as the Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell
- 27 Memorial Intersection.
- 28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
- 29 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Navy Lieutenant Commander
- 30 Hugh Lester Campbell Memorial Intersection.
- 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 32 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of Navy
- 33 Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell and to the Department of Transportation.