

## Senate Resolution 596

By: Senators Ginn of the 47th, Dugan of the 30th, Cowsert of the 46th, Miller of the 49th, Gooch of the 51st and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life and memory of Mr. Isaiah Berry and dedicating an intersection in his  
2 memory; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens with the passing of Mr. Isaiah  
4 Berry on December 9, 2021; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Berry attended Savannah State College on a football scholarship, where his  
6 studies focused on math and electronics; and

7 WHEREAS, he began his coaching career in 1970 in Eastman and Soperton, Georgia, before  
8 becoming a proud Bulldogg at Winder-Barrow High School, where the math teacher coached  
9 football and track and field; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Berry was recognized with numerous honors and accolades, including  
11 Georgia Athletic Coach of the Year for girls track in 1975 and 1980, Hall of Fame  
12 Track/Cross Country Coach of Georgia in 2000, Father of the Year 2001 by Men for a Better  
13 Barrow County, the Beacon of Light Award by the Division of Family and Children Services  
14 in 2003, the NAACP Appreciation Award in 1995, and Citizen of the Year 2011 and 2021  
15 Shining Star Award by the Barrow County Chamber of Commerce; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Berry and his wife, Margie Nobles, opened their home and their hearts to  
17 numerous children in the foster care system for over 25 years; and

18 WHEREAS, he was highly regarded by the citizens of his community as a person of  
19 unquestioned integrity, and his dedication to inspiring young athletes set that standard for  
20 excellence; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 81 and Tom Miller Road  
25 in Barrow County is dedicated as the Isaiah "Coach" Berry Memorial Intersection.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Isaiah "Coach" Berry  
28 Memorial Intersection.

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
30 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the family of  
31 Mr. Isaiah Berry and to the Department of Transportation.