

House Resolution 854

By: Representatives Huddleston of the 72nd, Jasperse of the 11th, Collins of the 71st, and Smith of the 18th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Keith Jackson was born on October 28, 1928, in Carrollton, Georgia, the
4 beloved son of Polly Jackson and grandson of Jeff and Margaret Robison; and

5 WHEREAS, a graduate of Roopville High School, where he played on the school's state
6 championship basketball team, Mr. Jackson served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and
7 liberty with the United States Marines; and

8 WHEREAS, he attended the University of Washington and studied broadcasting, where he
9 accompanied the university's rowing crew to Moscow to conduct the first live sports
10 broadcast from the Soviet Union; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson brought games alive for viewers and listeners of college and
12 professional football, college and professional basketball, major league baseball, auto racing,
13 and the Olympics; and

14 WHEREAS, his talent was recognized with an Emmy award and he has been inducted into
15 two sportscasting hall of fames; and

16 WHEREAS, over the years, Mr. Jackson became known as the voice of football with several
17 of his unique phrases still used in sports broadcasting today, including "Whoa Nellie" and
18 the "Big House" to refer to Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor and "the granddaddy of them
19 all" to refer to the Rose Bowl; and

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

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. Highway 27 and State Route 5 in
25 Carroll County is dedicated as the Keith Jackson Memorial Intersection "Whoa Nellie."

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
27 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the Keith Jackson Memorial
28 Intersection "Whoa Nellie."

29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
30 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
31 family of Mr. Keith Jackson and the Department of Transportation.