

The House Committee on Transportation offers the following substitute to SR 231:

A RESOLUTION

1 Dedicating certain portions of the state highway system; and for other purposes.

2 PART I

3 WHEREAS, Officer Jeremy Labonte was highly regarded by the citizens of his community
4 and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and
5 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

6 WHEREAS, Officer Labonte diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of
7 his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service with the City of Roswell Police Department; and

9 WHEREAS, Officer Labonte was born on August 17, 2000, in Austell, Georgia, the beloved
10 son of Roger and Brandi Labonte, and his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty after
11 he was shot while responding to a report of suspicious activity on February 7, 2025; and

12 WHEREAS, a graduate of King's Way Christian School in Douglasville, Georgia, Officer
13 Labonte earned his bachelor's degree from Georgia State University and began his career in
14 law enforcement in 2021 with the City of Roswell Police Department; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate, hardworking, and protective man, Officer Labonte will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, brother, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Labonte exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an interchange in his memory.

PART II

WHEREAS, Deputy Brandon Cunningham was born on August 30, 1993, in Marietta, Georgia, the beloved son of Maria Elena Cunningham and Kevin Maynard Cunningham, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Deputy Cunningham graduated from Marietta High School in 2012 and joined the Paulding County Sheriff's Department in 2020, where he was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Deputy Cunningham will long be remembered for his lively spirit and sense of humor and his love for anime, cars, shoes, and hats, and this loving father and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

PART III

WHEREAS, Officer Christopher Lee Ruse was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ruse diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service with the Winder City Police Department, Arcade City Police Department, and Pendergrass City Police Department; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in the line of duty after he was shot by an occupant of a fleeing vehicle while in pursuit on December 29, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ruse led an exceptional career of public service and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Ruse will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this dedicated law enforcement officer will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

WHEREAS, Officer Ruse exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is

abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

PART IV

WHEREAS, Officer Scott Ozburn Riner was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, Officer Riner diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced dramatically by his superlative service as a corrections officer with Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short after he was shot in the parking lot of the Gwinnett County Comprehensive Correctional Complex as he prepared to begin his shift; and

WHEREAS, he worked tirelessly to help at-risk teens through Gwinnett County's Prison Awareness Program before it was discontinued in 2017 and he continued to serve as a mentor to participants even after the conclusion of the program; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the program was revived and renamed the Scott Riner Prison Awareness Program to honor his lasting impact and his commitment to youth in Gwinnett County; and

WHEREAS, Officer Riner led an exceptional career of public service and his inspiring commitment to the welfare of others stands as a shining example of the positive effect law enforcement professionals have on the lives and well-being of others; and

78 WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Officer Riner will long be remembered for
79 his love of family and friendship, and this dedicated law enforcement officer will be missed
80 by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

81 WHEREAS, Officer Riner exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding
82 loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties and it is
83 abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished Georgian be recognized
84 appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his memory.

85 **PART V**

86 WHEREAS, Trooper Jimmy Cenescar was highly regarded by the citizens of his community
87 and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and
88 dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement; and

89 WHEREAS, Trooper Cenescar was born in Port Au Prince, Haiti, on August 8, 1995, the
90 beloved son of Helas and Wisleine Cenescar; and

91 WHEREAS, he began his career in law enforcement with the Atlanta Police Department,
92 where he earned recognition and honors for his 2022 rescue of a driver who had driven off
93 a bridge; and

94 WHEREAS, Trooper Cenescar joined the Department of Public Safety and graduated from
95 the 114th Georgia State Patrol Trooper School in 2023 and exhibited extraordinary devotion
96 to duty, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all his
97 duties; and

98 WHEREAS, Trooper Cenescar's life was tragically cut short in the line of duty on
99 January 28, 2024; and

100 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
101 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a bridge in his memory.

102 **PART VI**

103 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
104 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the interchange of State Route 400/US 19 and State
105 Route 140/Holcomb Bridge Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the Officer Jeremy
106 Labonte Memorial Interchange.

107 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and
108 State Route 120 in Paulding County is dedicated as the Deputy Brandon Cunningham
109 Memorial Intersection.

110 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of U.S. Route 129 and
111 Wayne Poultry Road/Village Parkway in Jackson County is dedicated as the Christopher Lee
112 Ruse Memorial Intersection.

113 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 316
114 and Hi Hope Road in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Officer Scott Riner Memorial
115 Intersection.

116 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the bridge on State Route 324 over
117 Interstate 85 in Gwinnett County is dedicated as the Trooper Jimmy Cenescar Memorial
118 Bridge.

119 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
120 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facilities named in this
121 resolution.

122 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
123 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
124 Department of Transportation and to the families of Officer Jeremy Labonte, Deputy
125 Brandon Cunningham, Officer Christopher Lee Ruse, Officer Scott Ozburn Riner, and
126 Trooper Jimmy Cenescar.