

## Senate Resolution 579

By: Senators Anavitarte of the 31st, Bearden of the 30th, Dolezal of the 27th, Gooch of the 51st, Still of the 48th and others

## A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Sgt. Major John Barry Dean and dedicating an intersection in his  
2 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, Sgt. Major John Barry Dean was born in Aberdeen, Washington, on August 28,  
7 1949, the beloved son of Eddie and Irene Dean; and

8 WHEREAS, he graduated from Arab High School in Arab, Alabama, in 1967, and earned  
9 bachelor's and master's degrees from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; and

10 WHEREAS, Sgt. Major Dean served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with  
11 the United States Marine Corps and honorably served this nation for 36 years as an avionics  
12 technician until his retirement as the Sergeant Major of the 24th Marine Regiment in 2004;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, his professional career included work with Boeing, Martin Marietta, Rockwell,  
15 and Lockheed Martin, where he served as a quality engineer in the F-22 Raptor program; and

16 WHEREAS, Sgt. Major Dean was elected to the Paulding County School Board in 2018 and  
17 served over six years with enthusiasm and a deep love for the students, staff, and schools he  
18 represented; and

19 WHEREAS, he embodied the spirit of service and willingness to find meaning in something  
20 greater than himself, and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and  
21 distinguished Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in his  
22 memory.

23 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
24 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 92 and Cedarcrest Road in  
25 Paulding County is dedicated as the Sgt. Major John Barry Dean 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 Sgt. Major John Barry Dean  
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 Sgt.  
31 Major John Barry Dean and to the Department of Transportation.