

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SR 624:

A RESOLUTION

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

2 **PART I**

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

6 WHEREAS, Officer Brown diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his
7 time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
8 dramatically by his superlative service as a police officer in Cobb County; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Thomaston, Georgia, and graduate of Osborne High School in Cobb
10 County, Officer Brown was the son of Mary Christine Vaughan Brown and Elmore "Buddy"
11 Haynes Brown, who was a detective with the Cobb County Police Department in the 1970s;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, after attending Kennesaw College to study business law, Officer Brown began
14 his service with the Cobb County Police Department on September 2, 1977, and served as

15 a uniform patrol officer at Precinct 2 in Mableton before joining the then newly created
16 Marietta-Cobb DUI Task Force in 1982; and

17 WHEREAS, his life was tragically cut short in 1983 after his patrol vehicle was struck by
18 a drunk driver while he was operating radar on Highway 41; and

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

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

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PART II

27 WHEREAS, Sheriff Randall Johnson ably served and protected the citizens of this state as
28 Fayette County Sheriff with an exceptional career in law enforcement that spanned nearly
29 49 years; and

30 WHEREAS, born in Fayette County on October 13, 1940, and a graduate of Fayette County
31 High School, Sheriff Johnson began his law enforcement career in 1959, when he was sworn
32 in as a Fayette County Deputy Sheriff; and

33 WHEREAS, in 1961, he went to work for the State of Georgia working at the Capitol in
34 Atlanta, before joining the Georgia Department of Revenue's Division of Alcohol and
35 Tobacco as a special agent two years later; and

36 WHEREAS, in 1976, he was elected the twenty-third Sheriff of Fayette County and was
37 successfully reelected by the citizens of Fayette County for eight terms; and

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

40 **PART III**

41 WHEREAS, Mr. Donald Lyn Seabolt has devoted his life to protecting the safety and
42 well-being of the citizens of Dahlonega and Lumpkin County and his decades of leadership
43 and service continue to benefit the community; and

44 WHEREAS, Mr. Seabolt began his distinguished career of public service in 1968 as a
45 guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the 25th Infantry Division of the United
46 States Army, where he gained the training and discipline that shaped his lifelong
47 commitment to emergency services; and

48 WHEREAS, in 1972, he became the volunteer fire chief of Lumpkin County and went on to
49 achieve historic milestones, including becoming the county's first paramedic during a time
50 when emergency calls were still managed through local funeral homes; and

51 WHEREAS, he served as civil defense director and director of the Dahlonega-Lumpkin
52 County Emergency Management Agency; and

53 WHEREAS, Mr. Seabolt designed and implemented Lumpkin County's emergency 9-1-1
54 system, ensuring that emergency assistance could be accessed quickly and reliably through
55 a modern communications framework; and

56 WHEREAS, his leadership and expertise extended state wide through training emergency
57 management professionals, serving as president of the Emergency Management Association
58 of Georgia, earning his emergency management masters certification, and serving on the
59 State 9-1-1 Advisory Board; and

60 WHEREAS, Mr. Seabolt's more than five decades of service established a lasting foundation
61 of public safety and community resilience and it is abundantly fitting and proper that this
62 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized by dedicating an
63 intersection in his honor.

64 **PART IV**

65 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
66 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of U.S. 41/State Route 3 and Creekside
67 Village Parkway NW in Cobb County is dedicated as the Officer Drew Haynes Brown
68 Memorial Intersection.

69 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and
70 Westbridge Road in Fayette County is dedicated as the Sheriff Randall Johnson Intersection.

71 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route
72 9/Highway 19 and Pinetree Way in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Donald Seabolt
73 Intersection.

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

77 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
78 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
79 Transportation; to Sheriff Randall Johnson and Mr. Donald Lyn Seabolt; and to the family
80 of Officer Drew Haynes Brown.