

Senate Resolution 624

By: Senators Setzler of the 37th, Kirkpatrick of the 32nd, Howard of the 35th, Rhett of the 33rd and Albers of the 56th

ADOPTED SENATE

A RESOLUTION

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

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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.

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PART IV

65 WHEREAS, our nation's security continues to rely on patriotic men and women who put
66 their personal lives on hold in order to place themselves in harm's way to protect the
67 freedoms that all United States citizens cherish; and

68 WHEREAS, Sgt. Major John Barry Dean was born in Aberdeen, Washington, on August 28,
69 1949, the beloved son of Eddie and Irene Dean; and

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

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

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

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

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

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PART V

86 WHEREAS, correctional officers Christopher Monica and Curtis Billue were highly
87 regarded by the citizens of their community and state and by local government officials as
88 persons of unquestioned integrity and dedication to the sound principles of law enforcement;
89 and

90 WHEREAS, Sergeant Monica began his career with the Georgia Department of Corrections
91 in October, 2009, as a correctional officer at Hancock State Prison before serving as a
92 sergeant with Baldwin State Prison, the transportation unit, and Augusta State Medical
93 Prison; and

94 WHEREAS, Sergeant Billue began his career with the Georgia Department of Corrections
95 in July, 2007, as a correctional officer at the Frank Scott Correctional Facility before serving
96 at the Georgia Diagnostic Classification Prison, Baldwin State Prison, and with the
97 transportation unit; and

98 WHEREAS, Sergeant Monica and Sergeant Billue diligently and conscientiously devoted
99 innumerable hours of their time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of their
100 communities and state; and

101 WHEREAS, their lives were tragically cut short in the line of duty when they were shot and
102 killed by two inmates who escaped during transport; and

103 WHEREAS, Sergeant Monica and Sergeant Billue exhibited extraordinary devotion to public
104 service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of their
105 duties and it is abundantly fitting and proper that these remarkable and distinguished
106 Georgians be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in their memory.

107 **PART VI**

108 WHEREAS, Mr. Richard Keith "Rick" Worley devoted his life and career to the community
109 of Catoosa County and Ringgold, Georgia; and

110 WHEREAS, a native of Catoosa County and cornerstone to his community, Mr. Worley
111 graduated from Ringgold High School and successfully owned and operated the Rick Worley
112 and Son Autobody shop; and

113 WHEREAS, after the tragic passing of his son in 2010, Mr. Worley established the Hunter
114 Worley Foundation which assists grieving parents in North Georgia and Tennessee Valley
115 with funeral and burial expenses; and

116 WHEREAS, Mr. Worley gave selflessly to his local community through his work sponsoring
117 numerous fundraising efforts at Graysville Elementary School and local middle and high
118 schools in Catoosa County; and

119 WHEREAS, he provided professional services to local police and fire departments and
120 frequently donated equipment and drivers for community parades; and

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

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PART VII

124 WHEREAS, United States Treasurer Brandon L. Beach has long been recognized by the
125 citizens of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
126 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

127 WHEREAS, he served the people of Georgia with distinction for over two decades, having
128 been elected to the Georgia State Senate in 2013 representing District 21; and

129 WHEREAS, Treasurer Beach held several influential positions in the Senate, including
130 Chairman of the Senate Transportation Committee, where he was instrumental in advancing
131 transportation and infrastructure reforms critical to Georgia's economic growth and global
132 competitiveness, and Chairman of the Senate Economic Development and Tourism
133 Committee, where he focused on fostering a business friendly environment in this state; and

134 WHEREAS, Treasurer Beach served as the executive director and founder of the North
135 Fulton Improvement District and has held key leadership roles with the Georgia Regional
136 Transportation Authority, the Georgia Department of Transportation, and the Fulton County
137 Development Authority; and

138 WHEREAS, he was appointed by President Donald J. Trump to serve as the United States
139 Treasurer, a role in which he oversees the nation's financial operations, manages the U.S.
140 Mint and Fort Knox, and advises on matters of fiscal policy; and

141 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
142 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

143 **PART VIII**

144 WHEREAS, Ms. Abigail Savoie grew up in Fayette County, Georgia, playing soccer,
145 cheerleading, swimming, and running; and

146 WHEREAS, she attended Georgia College & State University in Milledgeville, which she
147 affectionately referred to as "Milli," and was an active member of Alpha Gamma Delta
148 Sorority; and

149 WHEREAS, Ms. Savoie studied public health and had hopes of joining the Center for
150 Disease Control upon graduation, where she could put her compassion and heart into helping
151 others; and

152 WHEREAS, she was a people person who cared for the well-being of other people, always
153 the first to help out another in need; and

154 WHEREAS, Ms. Savoie's life was tragically cut short on October 21, 2022, when returning
155 to school, her vehicle was struck at the intersection of GA 16 and High Falls Road and
156 England Chapel Road near Jackson, Georgia, by a driver who ran a stop sign; and

157 WHEREAS, although the loss of this smart, energetic, and beautiful soul can never be filled,
158 her death called attention to the other numerous accidents at the intersection where her
159 vehicle was struck, and resulted in plans to convert the intersection into a safer roundabout,
160 likely saving the lives of other motorists; and

161 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
162 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a roundabout in her memory.

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PART IX

164 WHEREAS, Dr. James Larry Boss has long been recognized by the citizens of this state for
165 the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal commitment to the
166 welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

167 WHEREAS, Dr. Boss was born to a sharecropper during the Great Depression and graduated
168 from McDonough High School, where he was an outstanding football player; and

169 WHEREAS, a graduate of Emory University and Medical College of Georgia, Dr. Boss
170 served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty as a flight surgeon with the United
171 States Air Force; and

172 WHEREAS, Dr. Boss has been a devoted and dedicated fan of Villa Rica High School's
173 football program and served as the Wildcats team physician providing aid to injured players
174 and fans for decades; and

175 WHEREAS, his leadership and guidance have been instrumental on numerous boards and
176 organizations, including the Villa Rica City Ethics Board, Bank of Villa Rica, Regions Bank,
177 and the Rapha Clinic; and

178 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable and distinguished
179 Georgian be recognized appropriately by dedicating a road in his honor.

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PART X

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

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

187 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route
188 9/Highway 19 and Pinetree Way in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the Donald Seabolt
189 Intersection.

190 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route 92 and
191 Cedarcrest Road in Paulding County is dedicated as the Sgt. Major John Barry Dean
192 Memorial Intersection.

193 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 16 from
194 New Phoenix Road to Long Shoals Rd/Texas Chapel Road in Putnam County is dedicated
195 as the Christopher Monica and Curtis Billue Memorial Highway.

196 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the intersection of State Route
197 3/US-41 and Chapman Road in Catoosa County is dedicated as the Richard Keith "Rick"
198 Worley Memorial Intersection.

199 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 9 from Old
200 Milton Parkway to Mayfield Road in Fulton County is dedicated as the United States
201 Treasurer Brandon L. Beach Highway.

202 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the roundabout of State Route 16 and
203 High Falls Road in Butts County is dedicated as the Abby Savoie Circle of Hope.

204 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED AND ENACTED that the portion of State Route 61 from
205 SR 101 to the intersection with Dallas Highway (Villa Rica North Loop Bypass) in Carroll
206 County is dedicated as the Dr. J. Larry Boss Old Town Highway.

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

210 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
211 to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the Department of
212 Transportation; to Sheriff Randall Johnson, Mr. Donald Lyn Seabolt, United States Treasurer
213 Brandon L. Beach, and Dr. James Larry Boss; and to the families of Officer Drew Haynes
214 Brown, Sgt. Major John Barry Dean, correctional officers Christopher Monica and Curtis
215 Billue, Mr. Richard Keith "Rick" Worley, and Ms. Abigail Savoie.