

House Resolution 1664

By: Representatives Wade of the 9th and Chastain of the 7th

A RESOLUTION

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

3 WHEREAS, the Wallace family's connection to Dawson County, Georgia, began in the
4 1880's when Ertus and Octavia Wallace established their home near present-day State Route
5 400 and State Route 136; and

6 WHEREAS, the Wallace family operated a number of important local businesses on the
7 property, including a steam engine-powered sawmill that supplied lumber to the surrounding
8 region, as well as a corn mill, general store, and gasoline pump; and

9 WHEREAS, the Wallace family operated a general store from their homestead, providing
10 essential goods and services to area residents until the construction of their stand-alone
11 building in the 1920's which became the centerpiece of a thriving community hub that served
12 generations of residents until the store's closure in the 1950's; and

13 WHEREAS, the Wallace family property was home to four dwelling structures and also
14 served the civic life of the surrounding community, functioning as a voting precinct and
15 polling location until the early 1960's; and

16 WHEREAS, in the mid-1970's, the Wallace family sold the property to the State of Georgia
17 to allow for the construction of State Route 400, contributing to the transportation
18 infrastructure that now serves thousands of Georgians each day; and

19 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that this remarkable Georgia family be
20 recognized appropriately by dedicating an intersection in memory of Mr. General Wallace.

21 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL
22 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 400 and State Route 136 in
23 Dawson County is dedicated as the General Wallace Intersection.

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and
25 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the General Wallace Intersection.

26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
27 and directed to make appropriate copies of this resolution available for distribution to the
28 family of Mr. General Wallace and to the Department of Transportation.