

House Resolution 1666

By: Representatives Wade of the 9<sup>th</sup> and Hawkins of the 27<sup>th</sup>

### A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the life of Mr. John W. Ralston and dedicating an intersection in his memory; and  
2 for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, Mr. John W. Ralston was born July 4, 1891, a beloved son of John W. Ralston,  
4 Sr., and Lavada Stone Ralston; and

5 WHEREAS, after his family moved to Lumpkin County, Georgia, in 1913, Mr. Ralston went  
6 on to become one of Lumpkin County's most influential community leaders particularly in  
7 the Mill Creek community; and

8 WHEREAS, affectionately known as "Big John Ralston," Mr. Ralston and his father "Wash  
9 Ralston" shared the same birthday and many friends and family would annually gather for  
10 birthday celebrations at the family property that has now been in the Ralston family for over  
11 100 years; and

12 WHEREAS, he was a member of Mill Creek Baptist Church and served his community as  
13 a school bus driver for over 20 years, a justice of the peace, a poll worker, and a member of  
14 Georgia Freemasonry and the Etowah Masonic Lodge; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1922, Mr. Ralston donated a portion of his property for the construction of  
16 Highway State Route 9; and

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

19 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL  
20 ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA that the intersection of State Route 9 and Castleberry Bridge  
21 Road in Lumpkin County is dedicated as the John W. Ralston Memorial Intersection.

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is authorized and  
23 directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the John W. Ralston Memorial  
24 Intersection.

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