

ACTS AND RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA 2021

Act 299

House Resolution 144, Part XV

Effective May 10, 2021

J. A. "BIG JIM" WALTERS INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

To dedicate certain portions of the state highway system; to provide for an effective date; and for other purposes.

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing of Mr. J.A. "Big Jim" Walters on February 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of East Mecklinburg High School, Mr. Walters attended North Carolina State University and was a man with an unparalleled sense of duty to his community and to his country; and

WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as president of the James A. Walters Management Company, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Walters diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time, talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced by his support of the YMCA; and

WHEREAS, his contributions and leadership were recognized by the YMCA with the dedication of the J.A. Walter Family YMCA Center; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime supporter of Lanier Technical College, Mr. Walters presented a \$1 million gift to assist the school in opening a new campus location; and

WHEREAS, he was a person of magnanimous strengths with an unimpeachable reputation for integrity, intelligence, fairness, and kindness, and by the example he made of his life, he made this world a better place in which to live; and

WHEREAS, a compassionate and generous man, Mr. Walters will long be remembered for his love of family and friendship, and this loyal husband, father, brother, grandfather, and friend will be missed by all who had the great fortune of knowing him; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA, that the intersection of State Route 365 and Lanier Tech Drive in Hall County, is dedicated as the J.A. "Big Jim" Walters Intersection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Transportation is authorized and directed to erect and maintain appropriate signs dedicating the road facility named in this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized and directed to make appropriate copies of this Resolution available for distribution to the Department of Transportation and to the family of Mr. J. A. "Big Jim" Walters.

This Resolution shall become effective upon its approval by the Governor or upon its becoming law without such approval.