

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

Act 299

House Resolution 144, Part XIX & 19th Paragraph of Part XXI

Effective May 10, 2021

NAVY LIEUTENANT COMMANDER HUGH LESTER CAMPBELL MEMORIAL INTERSECTION — DESIGNATED.

A RESOLUTION

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

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

WHEREAS, Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty with the United States Navy and served on the *U.S.S. Arizona* and *U.S.S. Sumner* and commanded three ships during World War II; and

WHEREAS, a native of La Fayette, Georgia, Lieutenant Commander Campbell demonstrated a deep personal commitment to protecting democracy and a willingness to sacrifice his own personal safety and comfort to ensure the well-being of his fellow man; and

WHEREAS, he was serving as a boatswain's captain on the *U.S.S. Sumner* during the attack on Pearl Harbor, where he was able to shoot down the first Japanese attacking plane that was on a torpedo run for the battleship *U.S.S. California*; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell was awarded the Purple Heart for his actions during the attack on Pearl Harbor and continued to serve in the Navy until 1957, devoting 24 years of service to this nation; and

WHEREAS, he returned to Walker County to serve as the county surveyor for many years until his passing in 1993; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Commander Campbell embodied the spirit of service, willing to find meaning in something greater than himself, and 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 US 27 and Round Pond Road in Walker County, is dedicated as the Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell Memorial 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 Navy Lieutenant Commander Hugh Lester Campbell.

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