

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

Act 299

House Resolution 144, Part VI

Effective May 10, 2021

**PROBATE JUDGE JON PAYNE 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, the State of Georgia lost one of its finest citizens and most dedicated law enforcement officers with the untimely passing of Probate Judge Jon Payne on August 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Judge Payne was highly regarded by the citizens of his community and state and by local government officials as a person of unquestioned integrity and dedication to justice; and

WHEREAS, he served with honor and distinction as a probate judge in Chattooga County for 45 years, winning a special election to fill the office of probate judge in 1975 at just 25 years old; and

WHEREAS, prior to his passing, he oversaw the county's primary election with a smooth transition to the state's new voting machines; and

WHEREAS, Judge Payne exhibited extraordinary devotion to public service, outstanding loyalty, fine leadership, and meticulous attention to detail in all of his duties; and

WHEREAS, he will long be remembered for his commitment to the integrity of democracy and the safeguarding of this state's elections; 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 at US 27 and Commerce Street in Chattooga County, is dedicated as the Probate Judge Jon Payne 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 Probate Judge Jon Payne.

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