

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

Act 299

House Resolution 144, Part X

Effective May 10, 2021

SERGEANT HENRY "GENE" MULLIS 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 with the passing of Sergeant Henry "Gene" Mullis; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mullis was born on July 12, 1920, the beloved son of Henry and Georgia Walker Mullis; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Gordon Lee Memorial High School in Walker County, Sergeant Mullis served as a guardian of this nation's freedom and liberty in the United States Armed Forces, valiantly and courageously protecting democratic ideals during World War II and the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, during his military career, Sergeant Mullis was recognized with a Purple Heart and two Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Clusters for valor; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Mullis survived the Normandy Invasion and the Battle of the Bulge and served as the first walking postman for the City of Chickamauga; and

WHEREAS, a proud and loyal Gordon Lee Memorial trojan, Sergeant Mullis served as the school's correspondent for athletics programs to the *Chattanooga Times* and the *Atlanta Journal*, served as secretary and historian for the school's alumni association, and operated the scoreboard at home basketball games for over 53 years; and

WHEREAS, his leadership and organizational talents were instrumental to numerous organizations, including the American Legion Post 271, Older American Center, and Osburn School Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, a man of deep and abiding faith, Sergeant was an active member and deacon at the First Baptist Church in Chickamauga and was a devoted husband to Doris Avery Greene Mullis and father to Lorie Gene Mullis, Senator Jeff Mullis, and Jerry Mullis; 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 Osburn Road in Walker County, is dedicated as the Sergeant Henry "Gene" Mullis 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 Sergeant Henry "Gene" Mullis.

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